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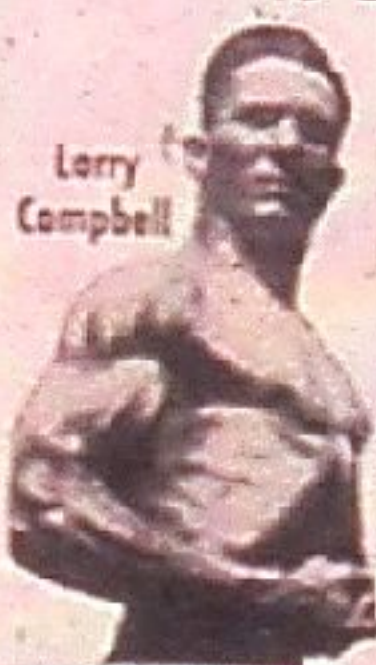
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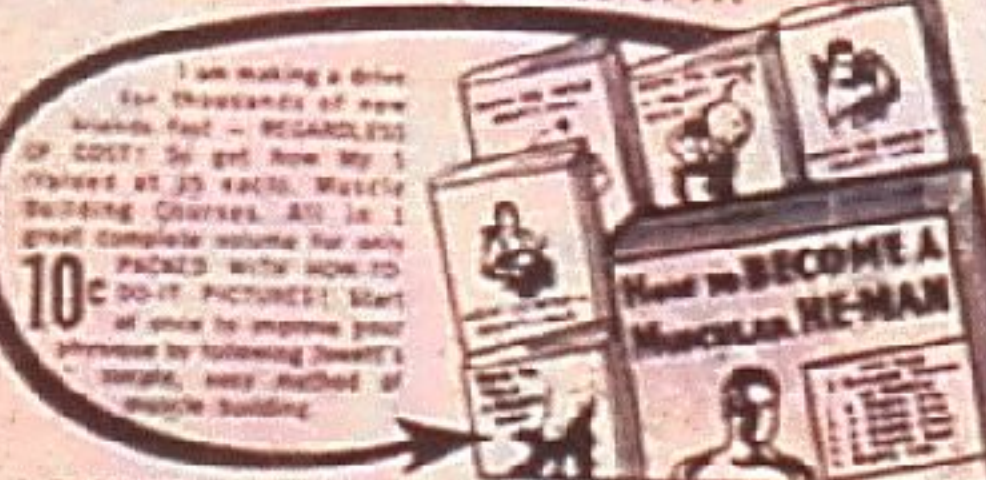
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BLACKHAWK

WAS SHE REAL OR PHANTOM, THIS VISION OF LOVELINESS WHO ENTICED MEN OUT TO THEIR DEATH IN THE BITTER ARCTIC COLD? WHAT DARK AND TERRIBLE PURPOSE LAY BEHIND HER FATAL ALLURE? THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS... THE PEACE AND COMMERCE OF THE WORLD... DEPENDED UPON THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS! SO, THE BLACKHAWKS PLUNGED OUT INTO THE SAVAGE FURY OF THE LONG POLAR NIGHT TO LEARN THE SINISTER SECRET OF... "AURORA... QUEEN OF THE ARCTIC!"



BLACKHAWK

IN A LAND OF DESOLATION, WHERE NIGHTS ARE SIX MONTHS LONG...

Daily Item

UNITED WORLD NORTH POLE WEATHER STATION OPENS! FIVE-MAN TEAM BRAVES SUBZERO COLD



TO GUARD AIR ROUTE OVER ROOF OF THE WORLD!

WELL, HERE GOES FOR MY TURN TO CHECK THE INSTRUMENTS OUTSIDE!

I'M GLAD IT'S YOUR TURN, MAC! THE THERMOMETER'S DROPPED TO FIFTY-TWO DEGREES BELOW ZERO, WITH A FORTY-MILE WIND!

STAY AGAINST THE SHACK, MAC! YOU WOULDN'T LAST TWENTY MINUTES IF YOU LOST SIGHT OF THE STATION!

DON'T WORRY, PETE, I'LL HAVE ONE EYE BLUED ON THE LIGHTED WINDOW!



BOOO! THAT WIND IS MURDER! I'D HATE TO...

WHAT'S THAT? IT SOUNDS LIKE A... A GIRL'S VOICE... SINGING!

I'M SEEING THINGS! THIS COLD HAS GOT ME!

COOOOME TO MEEEE! COOOOME, MY LOVE!

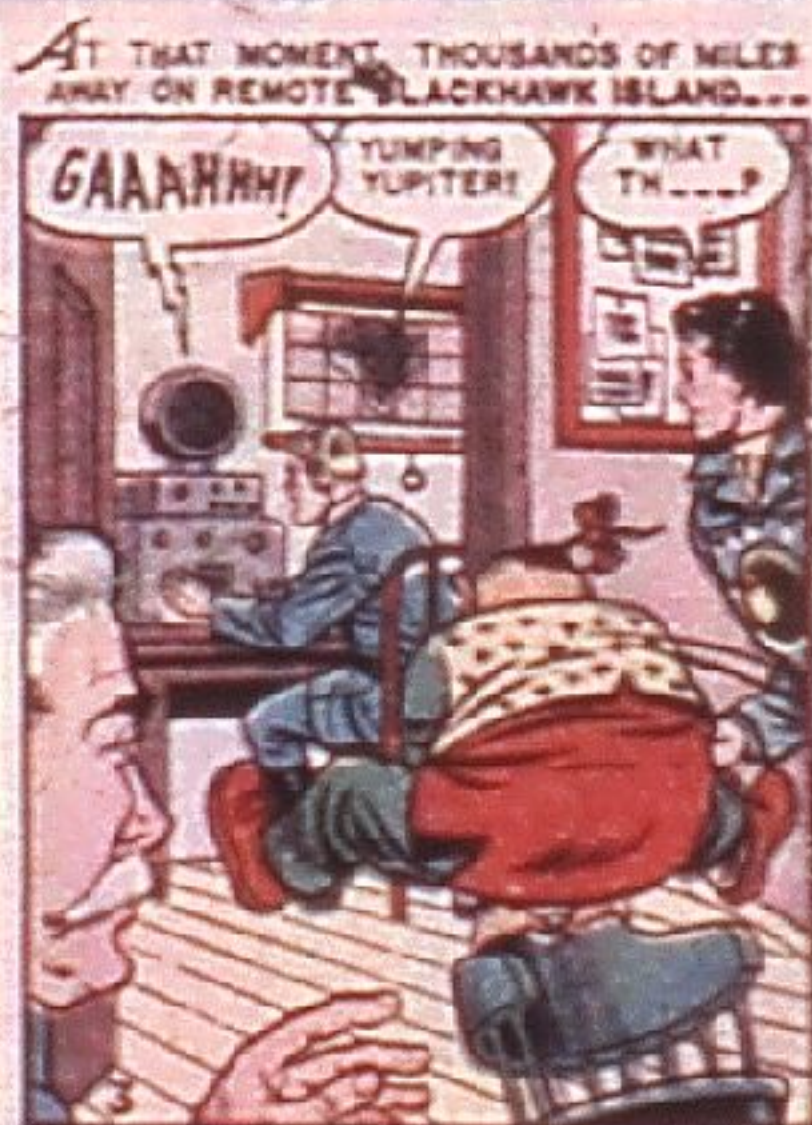


SHE'S... MOST BEAUTIFUL CREATURE... I... EVER SAW! MUST FOLLOW... HER!

WAIT FOR ME! WAIT JAKE! SHE VANISHED!

CAN'T FIND... HER! CAN'T FIND... STATION! THIS TERRIBLE COLD...





BLACKHAWK



QUICK CLAP... MONITOR THAT FREQUENCY! FIND OUT WHERE THAT CRY CAME FROM!

I ALREADY KNOW, BLACKHAWK! DAS BAN U.W. WEATHER STATION AT NORTH POLE! I TANK... SHHHHH!



WEATHER TO WASHINGTON! SKIP THAT LAST TRANSMISSION, BOYS! WE WERE JUST FOOLING AROUND! I DIDN'T REALIZE THE KEY WAS OPEN!

WHEE! IS MUCHEE BETTER! CHOP CHOP THINK FOR MINUTE SOMEBODY GETTEE THLOAT CUT?



YOU KNOW HOW IT IS... WE WERE BORED SO WE WERE PUTTING ON A CRAZY MAN-FROM-MARS BROADCAST! I ACCIDENTALLY OPENED THE KEY WITH MY SLEEVE!



OKAY, WEATHER! IF YOU'RE SURE EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT, LET IT PASS!



PARBLEU! NEVAIR HAVE I HEARD A MORE REALISTIC DEATH RATTLE! ZE MAN WHO DID ZAT SHOULD BE ON ZE STAGE!

OR IN A COFFIN, ANDRE! CALL IT A HUNCH... BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT STORY THAT SMELLS!



DONNERVETTER! VE TAKE OFF FOR NORTH EUROPE TOMORROW, BLACK-HAWK! VY NOT SO BY VAY OFF DER NORTH POLE UND INVESTIGATE!

AN EXCELLENT IDEA, HENDRICKSON! I'LL GET A WEATHER CHECK RIGHT AWAY!



BLACKHAWK TO POLAR WEATHER! HOW ARE CONDITIONS FOR TAKING THE ARCTIC ROUTE TO EUROPE?

YOU'LL NEVER FIND THEM BETTER, BLACKHAWK...



FLYING WEATHER PERFECT UP HERE! NO WIND... CLEAR AND HOT TOO GOOD! YOU WON'T EVEN NEED OVERCOATS! COME RIGHT AWAY!

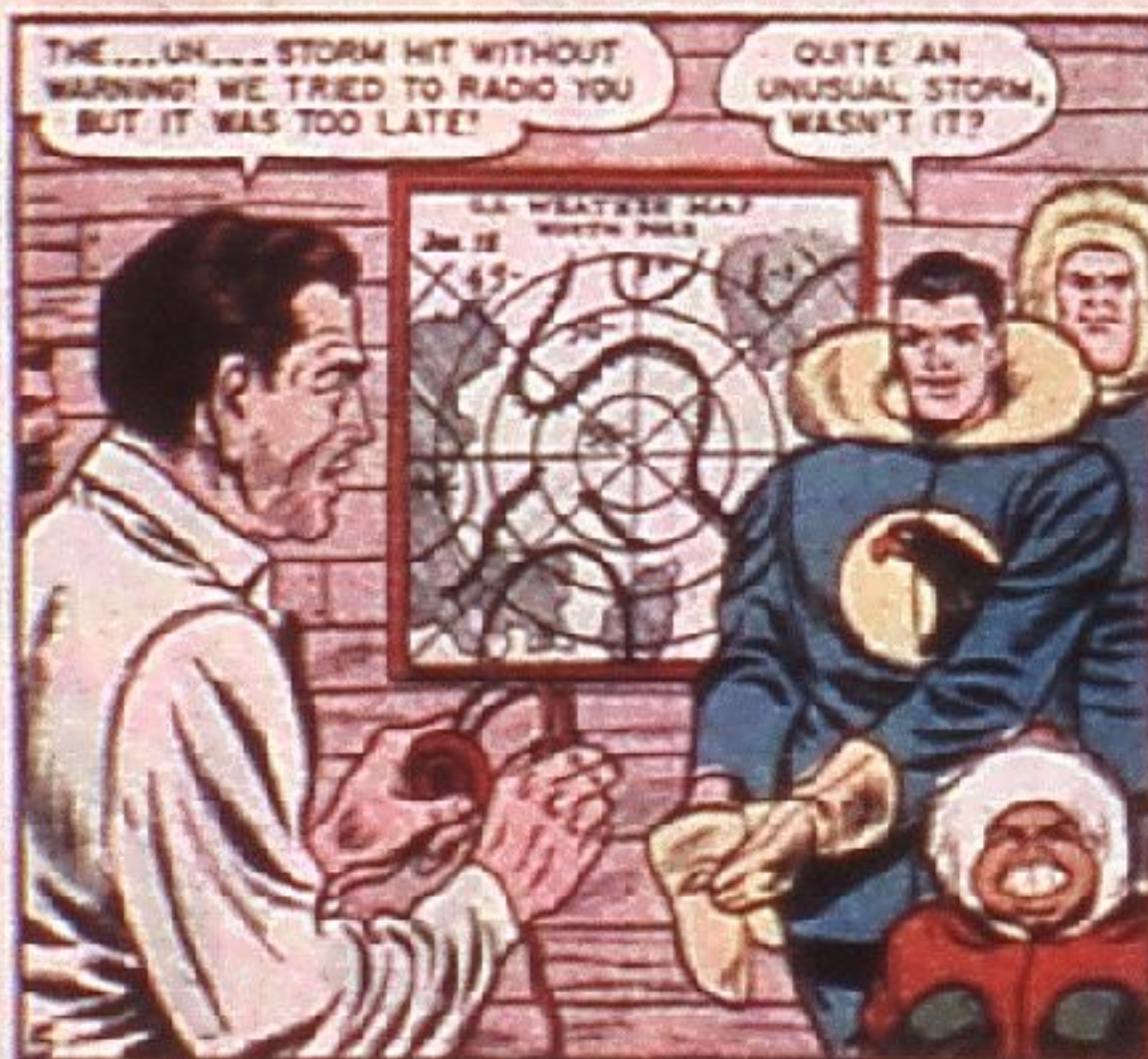


THERE, AURORA! HOW'S THAT FOR QUICK ACTION? WE TOOK OVER JUST IN TIME TO DECOTY THE BLACKHAWKS TO THEIR DEATH IN THIS STORM!

SPLENDID, MINGO! THE WORST ARCTIC STORM I'VE EVER SEEN! THE THERMOMETER'S DOWN TO FIFTY- EIGHT DEGREES BELOW AND STILL FALLING!



A FEW HOURS LATER...







FOLLO-O-OW
ME-E-E-E!

STAY CLOSE, ANDRE! WE
WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH CHANCE
TO SURVIVE IF WE GOT SEPA-
RATED AND LOST IN THE STORM!



VANISHED! SACRE
NOM! WE CHASE
ZE PHANTOM!

PHANTOMS DON'T LEAVE
FOOTPRINTS! COME ON!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE
SPOT WHERE SHE DISAP-
PEARED BEFORE THE STORM
HIDES THE LANDMARKS!



THE AVERAGE MAN
WOULD WANDER IN
CIRCLES UNTIL HE
FROZE TO DEATH
OUT HERE! HER
TRACKS HAVE AL-
READY BLOWN
AWAY!

MAIS OUI! NOT MANY
HAVE ZE BLACKHAWK
TRAINING IN SPOT-
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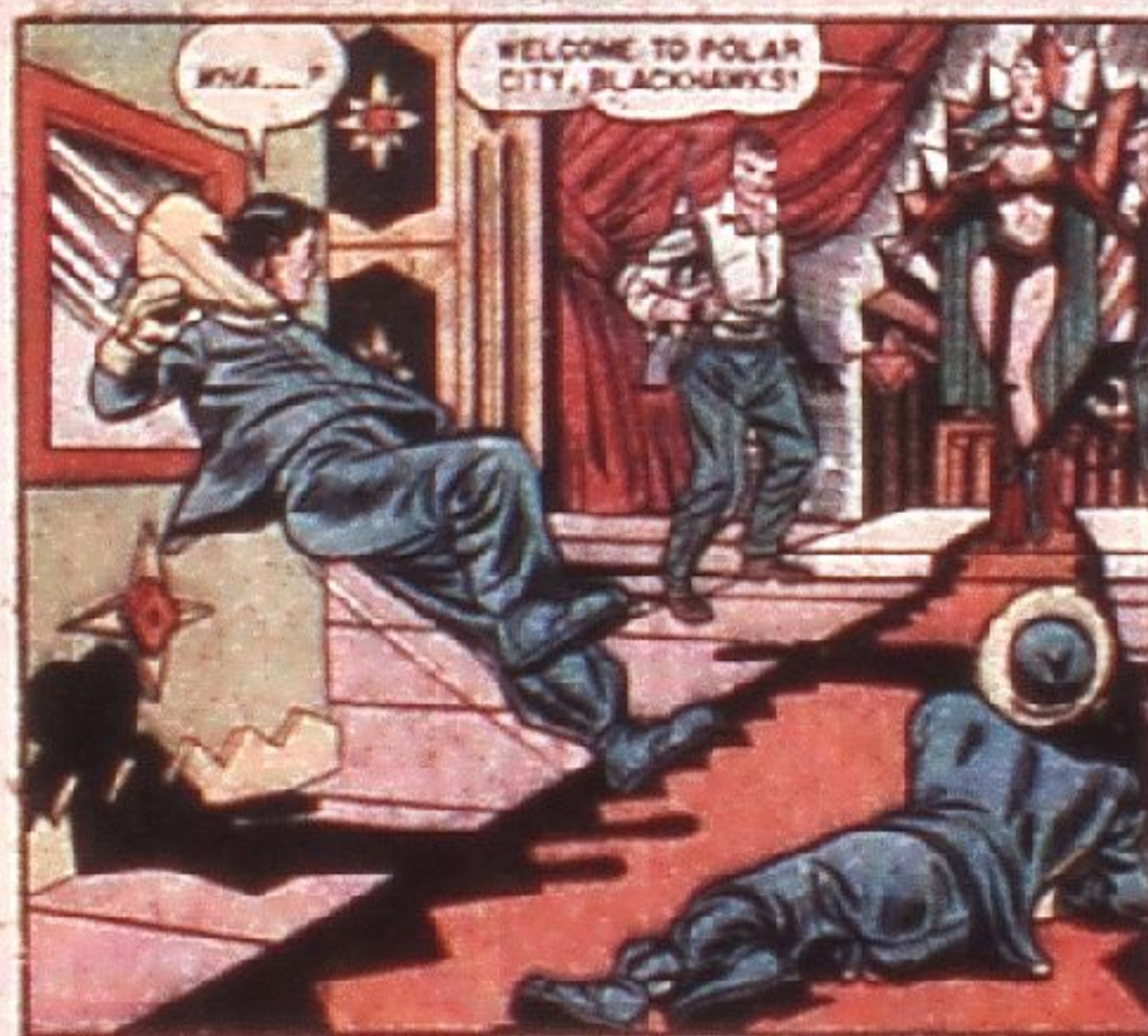
...ZERE!

ANDRE!



A N INSTANT LATER...

HEY...!



WHA...?

WELCOME TO POLAR
CITY, BLACKHAWKS!



I AM AURORA, QUEEN
OF THE ARCTIC! I HAD
A FEELING YOU WERE
TOO CLEVER TO GET
LOST WHEN I
VANISHED!

THANKS... BUT I WISH
I WERE CLEVER ENOUGH
TO FIGURE OUT HOW YOU
KEEP FROM FREEZING
IN THAT... ER...
COSTUME!



SIMPLE, BLACKHAWK! MY BODY IS SPRAYED WITH A TRANSPARENT PLASTIC INSULATION! I BELIEVE THE AMERICAN NAVY IS WORKING ON A CRUDER VERSION, NOW!

THANKS FOR SATISFYING MY CURIOSITY...



THERE'S NO LONGER ANY REASON TO LOOK HELPLESS, ANDRÉ!

MERCI, BLACKHAWK! I NEED ZE EXERCISE TO DRIVE OUT ZE CHILL!



YOU ARE EVEN MORE EXCITING THAN I ANTICIPATED, BLACKHAWK! BUT EVEN YOU MUST MEET YOUR MATCH! TAKE HIM, BOYS!

THE GOON SQUAD, EH?



SORRY, QUEENE, BUT I'M NOT PLAYING GLADIATOR FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT! TELL YOUR TRAINED APES TO STAY BACK AND BEHAVE!

YOU'RE BLUFFING, BLACKHAWK! YOU'RE TOO CHIVALROUS TO HURT A WOMAN!



NORMALLY...YES! BUT I BELIEVE YOU KILLED THE WEATHER STAFF AND TRIED TO KILL US! COLD-BLOODED MURDER ALTERS THE RULES!

IN THAT CASE, I'D ADVISE YOU TO DO NOTHING RASH UNTIL YOU SEE MY OTHER GUESTS!



NOM D'UN NOM! OUR COMRADES ...CAGED!

EXACTLY! AND IF YOU DO NOT SURRENDER QUIETLY, I WILL HAVE YOUR FRIENDS SET FREE!

SET FREE? WHAT KIND OF A THREAT IS THAT? A VERY UNPLEASANT ONE, BLACKHAWK! LET ME ILLUSTRATE...





THESE BUNGLERS WHO AROUSED YOUR SUSPICIONS WHEN YOU LANDED ARE WORTHLESS TO ME! SEE... THAT OPEN DOOR BEHIND LEADS OUTSIDE!

FOR THE LOVE OF MERCY, AURORA! DON'T SET US FREE! PLEASE...



NO! HELP! COUGH-CHOKER!

A HARMLESS BUT UNPLEASANT SMOKE, BLACKHAWK! IT'S PURPOSE IS MERELY TO HASTEN THEIR DEPARTURE!



SEE, BLACKHAWK? THIS PERISCOPE VIEW PLATE SHOWS THAT THEY ARE SAFELY OUT OF POLAR CITY! I HAVE SET THEM FREE!

DIABLE! YOU HAVE SET ZEM FREE IN ZE ARCTIC STORM... WITHOUT EVEN JACKETS TO PROTECT ZEM!



EXACTLY! I DID NOT MAKE THE ARCTIC COLD SO I CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT IT DOES TO THEM!

YOU WIN, AURORA! EVEN THAT POLAR BLIZZARD IS WARMER THAN YOUR HEART! WHAT DO YOU WANT OF US?



FIRST, TAKE OFF YOUR HEAVY PARKAS, THEN I WANT TO SHOW YOU MY POLAR EMPIRE! COME ALONG, BOTH OF YOU! YOUR MEN WON'T BE HARMED! I NEED THEIR COOPERATION!

MAMSELLE, I SUBMIT BECAUSE I WISH TO LIVE... UNTIL ZE TIME MY HANDS CLOSE ON YOUR SO-LOVELY THROAT!



YEARS AGO MY FATHER WAS A POLAR EXPLORER! HE DISCOVERED THIS VALLEY UNDER THE ARCTIC SNOW, KEPT WARM BY HOT SPRING GEYSERS! HE BEGAN THE CITY I HAVE FINISHED!

THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RUMORS OF HOT SPRINGS HERE AT THE POLE!



THE EARTH HERE IS HONEY-COMBED WITH WEALTH, BLACKHAWK... GOLD AND SILVER, PITCHBLende ORE FOR THE SOURCE OF ATOMIC POWER!

YOU HAVE EVERYTHING, IT SEEMS! THEN WHY BOTHER WITH A FEW WEATHER MEN, OR EVEN WITH THE BLACKHAWKS?

MY INTEREST IN YOU IS THE INTEREST OF ANY LONELY WOMAN FOR A STRONG AND HANDSOME MAN! WITH THE BLACK-HAWKS ON MY SIDE, YOU AND I COULD RULE THE WORLD!

I'M FLATTERED!



BUT CONQUEST REQUIRES PLANES, SUPPLIES! THROUGH THE WEATHER STATION I CAN DECOY RICH CARGO PLANES INTO MY HANDS!

I SEE! AND SO YOU WANT OUR TECHNICAL SKILLS AND STRENGTH TO AUGMENT THAT MOB OF HOODS YOU USE FOR SIMPLE MURDER!



EXACTLY! I HAVE NO ONE TO UTILIZE THIS LABORATORY! SEE HOW COMPLETE IT IS... EVEN TO A CAGE OF HUMAN GUINEA PIGS FOR EXPERIMENTATION!

MY BLACKHAWKS! SO THIS IS ADJOINING THEIR PRISON...



IF ANY HARM COMES TO THEM, NEITHER ETHICS NOR STRENGTH WILL SAVE YOU!

THEY WILL BE SAFE, BLACKHAWK, THE MOMENT YOU AGREE TO JOIN ME! WE CAN ALWAYS CAPTURE PRISONERS TO EXPERIMENT ON!



WHAT'S THIS STUFF, AURORA? YOU SEEM TO HAVE BARRELS OF IT!

OH, THAT IS THE PLASTIC BODY COVERING! THE CHEMIST WHO DEVELOPED IT GREW UNRULY AND HAD TO BE ELIMINATED!

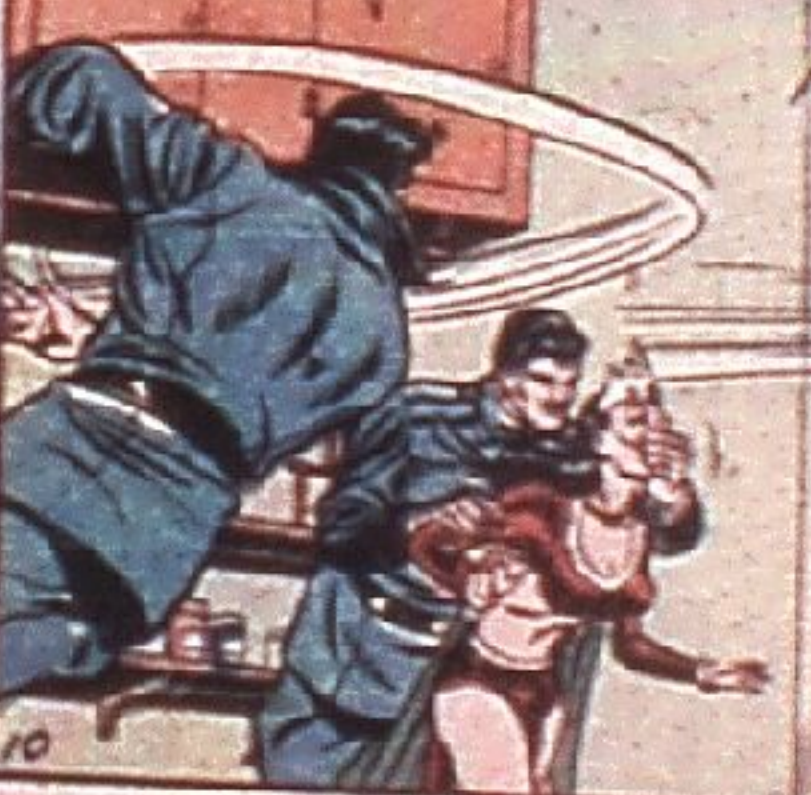


THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW! CLOSE YOUR EYES, GANG, AND GET SET FOR A SHOWER BATH!

EEEEEE! YOU TRICKED ME! GUARDS! HELP!



THIS STUFF WILL PROTECT YOU FROM COLD IN CASE YOU GET PUT OUT!



QUIET, TIGRESS, OR ZE SO-LOVELY NECK WILL GO CRICK-CRACK!





THIS IS M-FOR MOP-UP DAY, GANG! COME OUT FIGHTING!

YUDAS, WHAT A WOMAN! WE CAN KEEP QUIET AND WAIT FOR YOU TO CONTROL DAS SITUATION!



YOU DARE SPURN MY OFFER! DESTROY THEM! KILL THEM ALL!

WE DON'T THINK YOU BOYS CAN DO IT... BUT WE SURELY DO ENJOY HAVING YOU TRY!



MAY I HAVE THE FIRST DANCE?

YIPPEE - BLOODIES! BLACKHAWKS BACK IN BUSINESS!



IIIIIE-E-E!

ME GIVEE CHINEE HOT FOOT!

LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU, STANISLAUS!

THANKS, BLACKHAWK!

OOF!



AS FOR YOU, YOUNG LADY, THERE'LL BE A NICE COOL CELL DOWN IN THE STATES, IF NOT A NICE HOT ELECTRIC CHAIR!

STAY BACK! I CAN STAND DEATH BUT NOT FAILURE! YOU HAVE DESTROYED MY PLANS SO I'M DESTROYING ALL OF US!



THIS LEVER UNCUPS THE HOT GEYSERS! THEIR STEAM WILL MELT THE SNOW AND SEND MILLIONS OF TONS OF ROOF COLLAPSING ON US ALL!

YUMPING TIMMY, DAS CRAZY GIRL HAS DONE IT, TOO!



YOU AND I WILL NEED THESE PARKAS, ANDRE! INTO THE CELL, BLACKHAWKS! WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THAT STAIRWAY OUT... AND TAKE IT FAST!



AURORA! UNLOCK THAT DOOR! WE GOTTA GET OUT, TOO!



NOT YOU WERE WILLING TO SHARE MY TRIUMPH! NOW SHARE MY DESTRUCTION!

I'M... I'M GLAD THE BLACKHAWKS GOT AWAY!

EEEAHHH! LET US OUT! HELP!



LOOK, THE STORM'S OVER! WE CAN TAKE OFF IF WE CAN FIND OUR PLANES!

I LEFT THE RADIO GUIDE BEAM ON! WE CAN FOLLOW IT WITH OUR BELT RADIOS! HURRY, IN CASE THAT MOB GETS OUT AFTER US!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

GET THE PLANES WARMED UP AND OUT LOOSE! I'LL BE WITH YOU AS SOON AS I'VE REPORTED TO THE WEATHER BUREAU!

TIENS! NOBODY FOLLOWS! I THINK THE SHE-DEVIL HAS TRULY SET LOOSE HER OWN DESTRUCTION!



AND SHORTLY...

YOU WERE RIGHT, ANDRE! THE ROOF OF THAT POLAR EMPIRE HAS COLLAPSED AND THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF LIFE!

THIS PLASTIC OVERCOAT JUNK IS GREAT STUFF, BLACKHAWK! TOO BAD WE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THE FORMULA!

OUR SCIENTISTS CAN DEVELOP IT FOR THEMSELVES, CHUCK! LOSING THAT IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR SAVING SO MUCH BLOODSHED!

JAWOHL, BLACKHAWK! DOT WEALTH COULD SET OFF ANOTHER WORLD WAR MITT JEALOUS NATIONS TRYING TO CLAIM DER NORTH POLE!



WHERE OPPRESSION RULES THE LAND, WHERE A TYRANT SHOWS HIS HAND, THERE WE FIGHT AND MAKE OUR STAND... WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!

BLACKHAWK

CAN THIS BE REALITY? HAS THE MIGHTY, INCORRUPTIBLE BLACKHAWK, SUCCUMBED TO TEMPTATION AT LAST? THE PRICE IS HIGH... ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD... THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS SARI... THE ABSOLUTE RULE OF THE RICHEST NATIVE STATE IN INDIA! ARE THESE ENOUGH TO TURN BLACKHAWK FROM THE KNIGHTHOOD OF JUSTICE TO THE TYRANT'S ROBES AS...

THE RAJAH OF RAMASTAN?



A TYPICAL BLACKHAWK MISSION ENDS IN A FINAL BURST OF VIOLENCE!

LET'S TEST THAT OLD ADAGE... THE BIGGER THEY ARE THE HARDER THEY FALL!



YEP! IT'S TRUE, GANG!

THIS BAN ONE LESS YINGLE-BRAINED YERK OF A DICTATOR, BY YINGO!

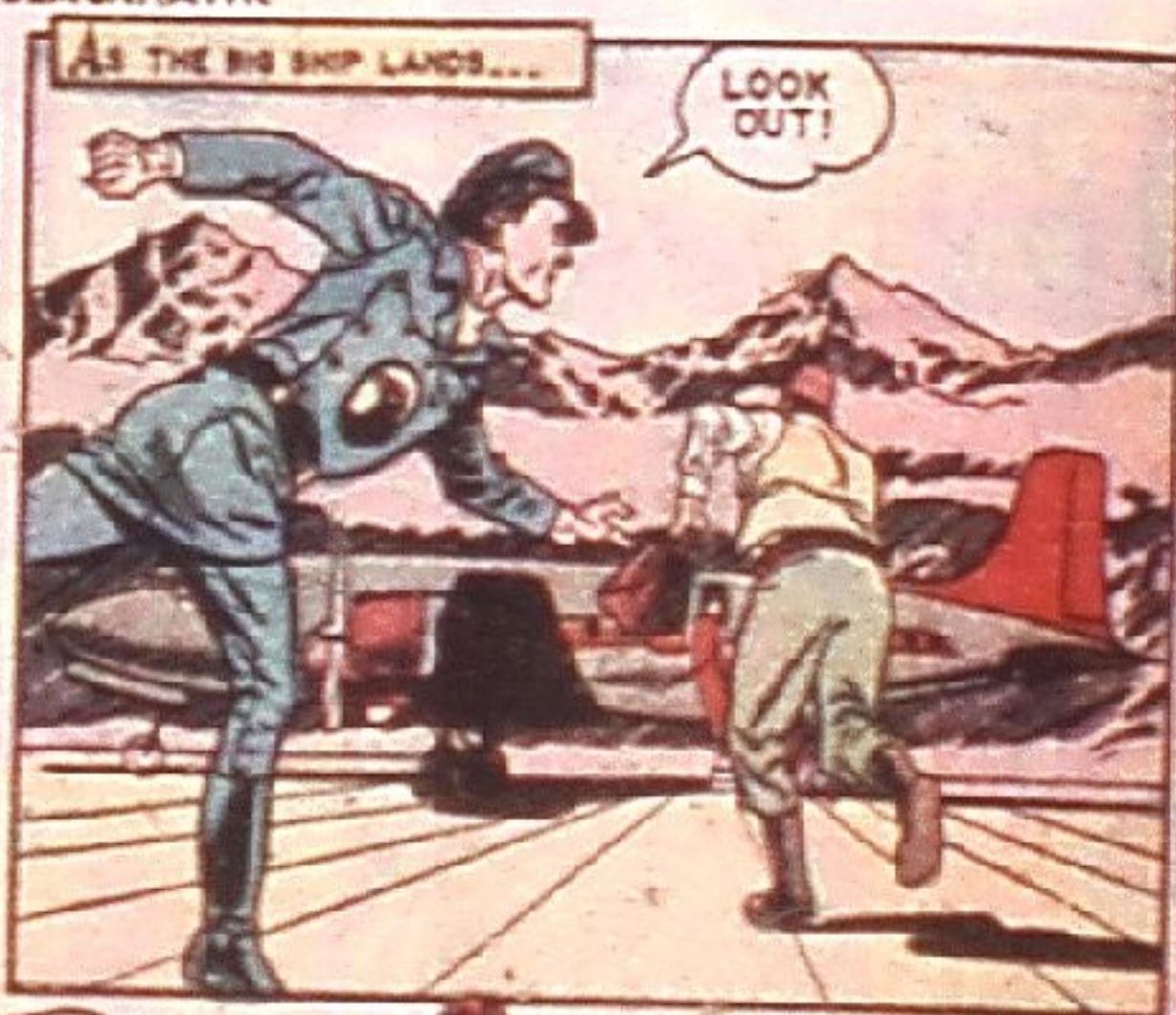


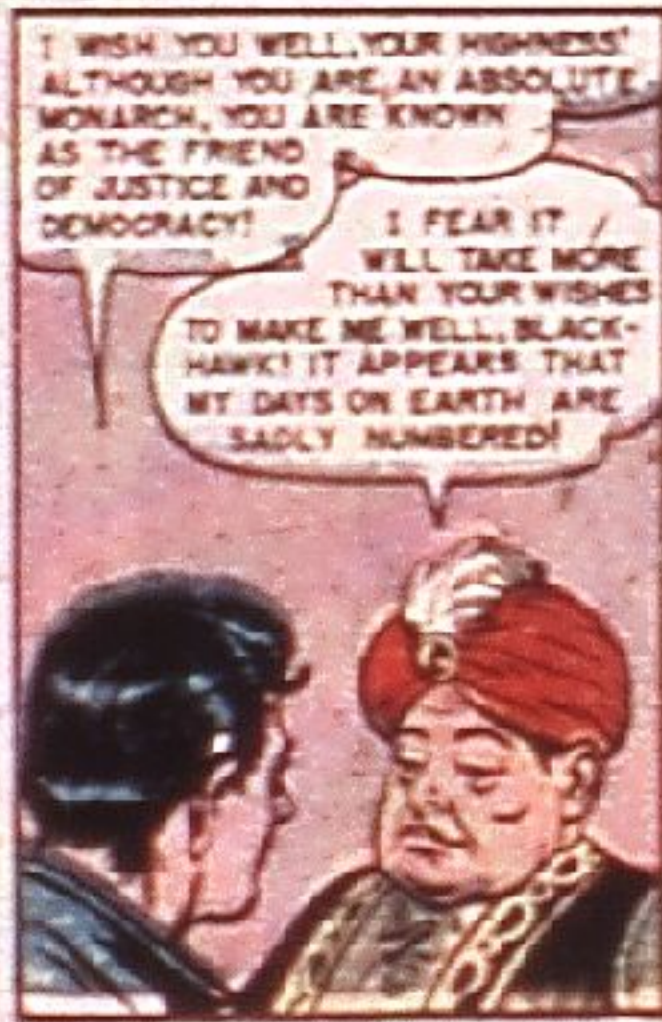
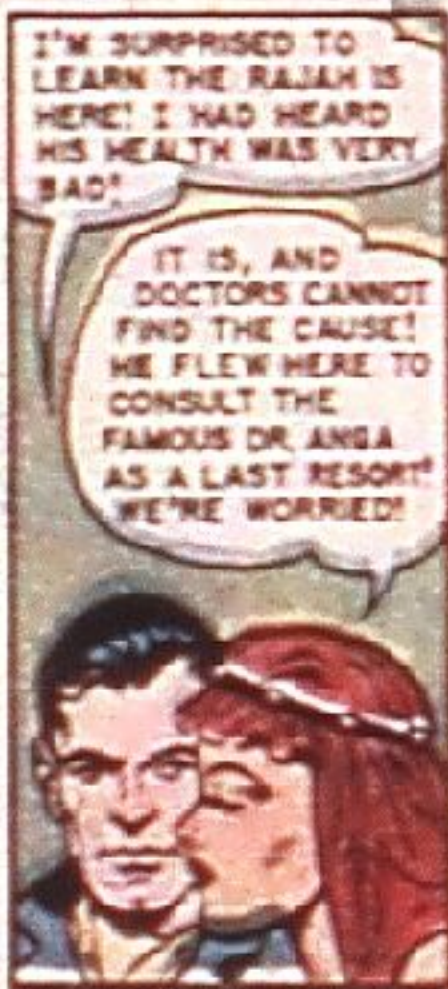
A SHORT TIME LATER...

WE DO WISH YOU'D STAY FOR A BANQUET IN YOUR HONOR, BLACKHAWK! SEND YOUR MEN ON, IF YOU MUST, AND STAY ANOTHER DAY!

THANKS, BUT WE'RE SORT OF ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL, GENTLEMEN! NOT EVEN GRATITUDE CAN DIVIDE THE BLACKHAWKS!







BLACKHAWK

AN HOUR LATER...

YUMPING YAYBIRDS! THIS RAJAH MUST BE GIVING BLACKHAWK A BANQUET! HE CAN INSIDE FOR YUST AN HOUR!

ACH! HERE COMES BLACKHAWK NOW! SOON WE KNOW DER SUBJECT UFF DOT LONG CONFERENCE, NEIN?

WHAT'S THE STORY, BLACKHAWK? DID THE RAJAH FEEL SO GRATEFUL HE OFFERED YOU THE CROWN OF RAMASTAN?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, CHUCK, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE DID...

YOU'RE KIDDING! WHY, THAT BIRD DRAWS TEN MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN SPENDING MONEY, THEY SAY!

TWELVE MILLION, TO BE EXACT! AND THE PRIVATE TREASURY HOLDS A HUNDRED AND EIGHT MILLION IN GOLD FOR HIS EXCLUSIVE USE!



BUT WE'RE LATE FOR OUR TAKE OFF NOW, GANG! LET'S HEAD FOR BLACKHAWK ISLAND!

PARBLEU! NEVAIR HAVE I SEEN BLACKHAWK SO GRIM AND SILENT! ZIS I DO NOT LIKE! HE IS NOT ZE SAME PERSON AT ALL!

HOURS LATER...

SAME LANDING ORDER, GANG! TAXI TO THE HANGARS AND MEET IN THE CLUB LOUNGE!

SO BLACKHAWK CAN TALK, AFTER ALL! THOSE ARE THE FIRST WORDS SINCE WE TOOK OFF! I THOUGHT THE CAT HAD HIS TONGUE!



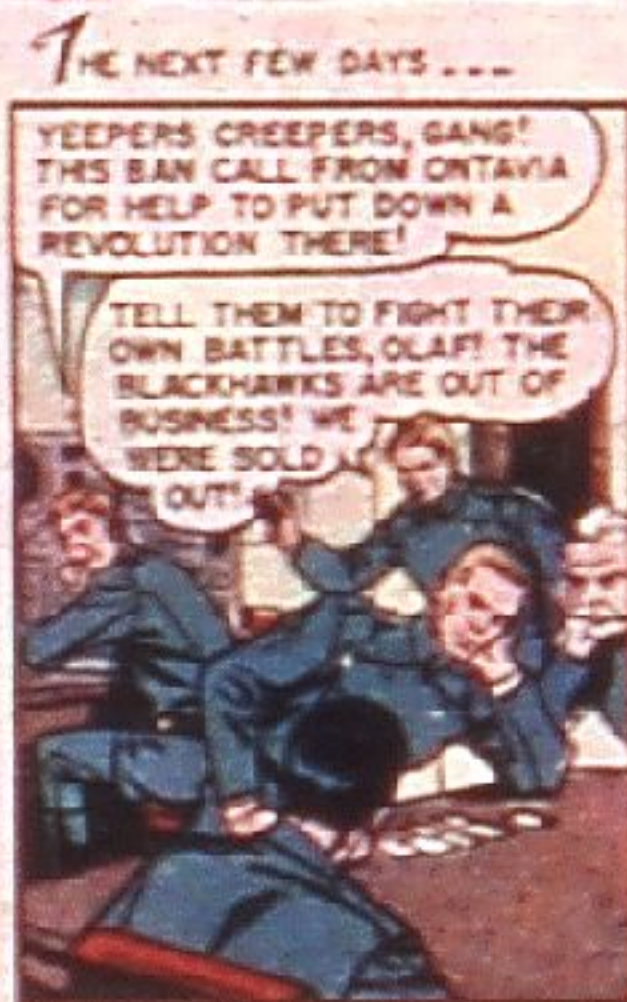
ALORS! ZIS SILENCE GETS ON ZE NERVES, HON? BLACKHAWK HAS NOT SPOKEN A WORD SINCE WE ARRIVE!

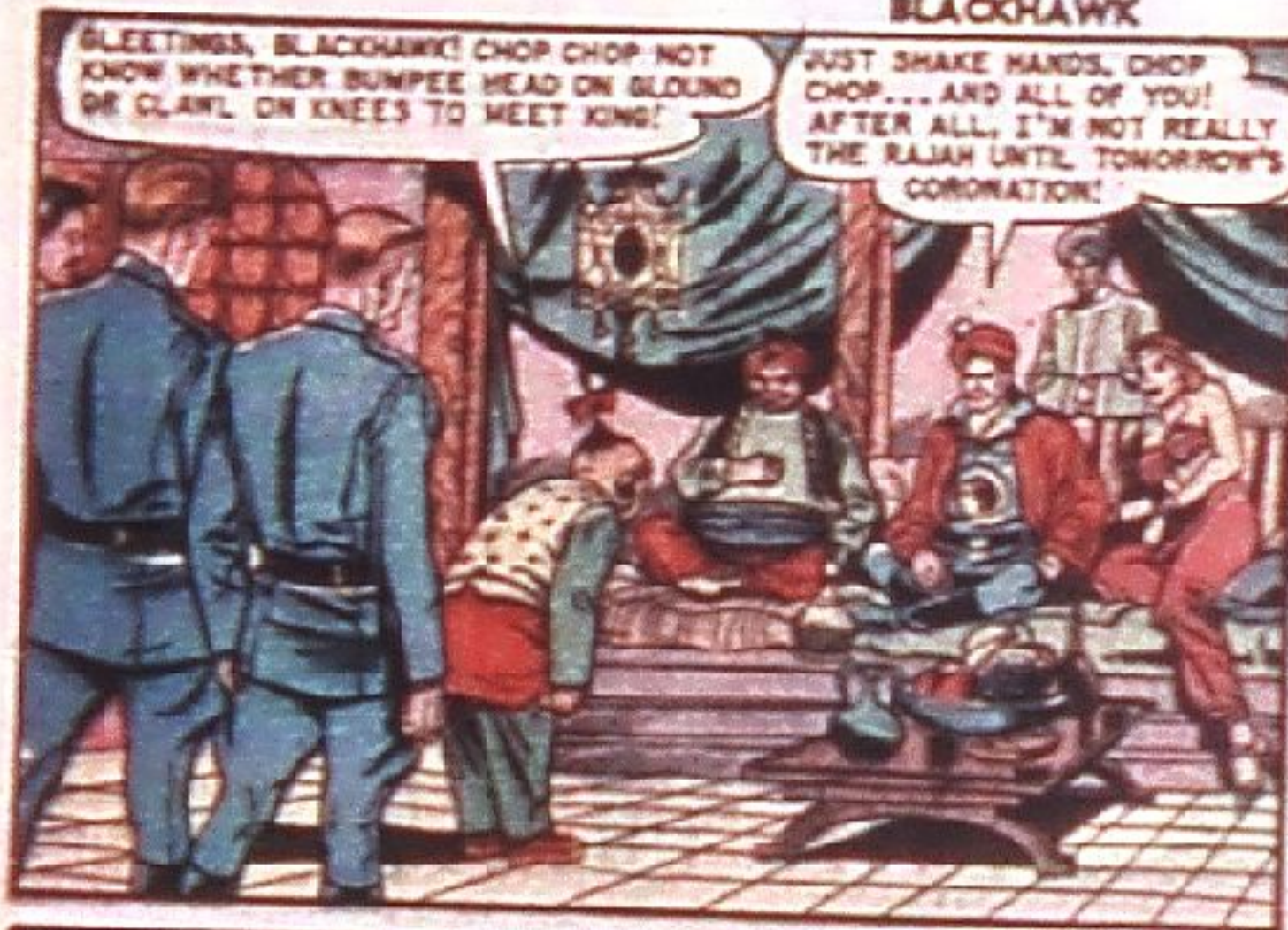
CHOP CHOP NOT LIKEE THIS FLIGID SILENCE! IS SUDDENLY NO PALSY-WALSY LIKE LEBULAR LETURN FLOW TUP!

BLACKHAWK, WE'RE WORRIED! YOU'VE BEEN MOOKING AROUND EVER SINCE WE GOT HOME! HOW ABOUT GIVING US THE LOW-DOWN?

I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO, CHUCK! FRANKLY, GANG, I'M AFRAID I'VE GOT SOME NEWS YOU WON'T LIKE...







GREETINGS, BLACKHAWK! CHOP CHOP NOT KNOW WHETHER BUMPEE HEAD ON GROUND OR CLAWL ON KNEES TO MEET KING!

JUST SHAKE HANDS, CHOP CHOP... AND ALL OF YOU! AFTER ALL, I'M NOT REALLY THE RAJAH UNTIL TOMORROW'S CORONATION!



OH, BUT YOU ARE, BLACKHAWK! THAT CEREMONY THIS MORNING MADE IT OFFICIAL! TOMORROW'S CORONATION IS MERELY A PUBLIC SHOW!

YOU MEAN I'M IN FULL POWER NOW? MY WORD IS LAW THROUGHOUT RAMASTAN, EVEN BEFORE THE CORONATION?



THEN WHAT AM I WAITING FOR? GUARDS, SEIZE THE EX-RAJAH AND THROW HIM INTO PRISON! GIVE HIM BREAD AND WATER AND HARD WORK!

BLACKHAWK, WHAT IS ZIS MADNESS? ZE RAJAH IS A SICK MAN... DYING! YOU WOULD NOT BE SO HEARTLESS...?



WHY NOT? I DON'T WANT HIM IN THE BACKGROUND, TELLING ME WHAT TO DO! IF I RULE, I'M GOING TO BE BOSS! DON'T INTERFERE, GANG!

WELL, I TANK IT BAN BLACKHAWK NEED A DOCTOR! LET'S JUST GO HOME AND FORGET THIS WHOLE THING, GANG!



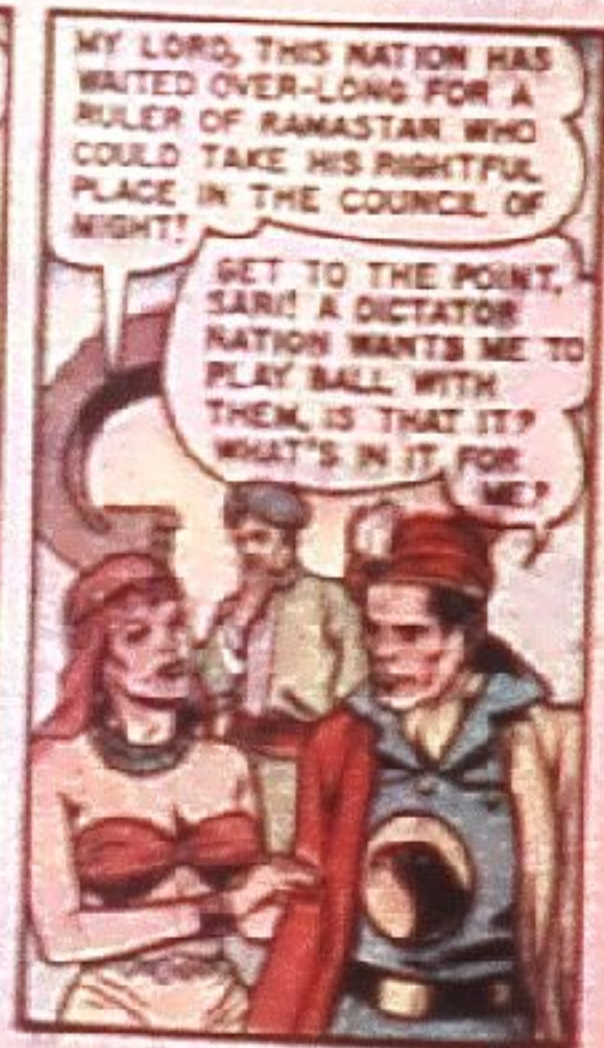
SORRY, BUT I HAD A HUNCH YOU MIGHT FEEL THAT WAY... AND I CAN'T HAVE THE OUTSIDE WORLD THINKING BLACKHAWK'S MEN DESERTED HIM!

DISARM THEM, GUARDS! TAKE THEM TO THE PREPARED CHAMBERS AND SEE THAT THEY DO NOT LEAVE!



CONGRATULATIONS, OH MIGHTY BLACKHAWK! RAMASTAN HAD NEED OF A STRONG RULER... AND IN YOU WE ARE NOT DISAPPOINTED!

BELOVED, IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO LISTEN TO A MESSAGE FROM A GREAT NATION WHO WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND AND ALLY...!



MY LORD, THIS NATION HAS WAITED OVER-LONG FOR A RULER OF RAMASTAN WHO COULD TAKE HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE COUNCIL OF NIGHT!

GET TO THE POINT, SARI! A DICTATOR NATION WANTS ME TO PLAY BALL WITH THEM, IS THAT IT? WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?



MEANWHILE, IN THE PALACE CHAMBER...



YOU WILL NOT LEAVE! IT IS HIS EXCELLENCY'S ORDER!

SACRE BLEU! KEEP ASKING FOR IT, BENDARMES, AND SOONER OR LATER ZE ROOF WILL FALL ON YOU! ZIS I PROMISE!



I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF ZIS! SINCE WHEN DO A FEW COCHON IN PRETTY UNIFORMS STOP ZE BLACK-HAWKS FROM LEAVING? LET US FIGHT, EH BIEN?

LET'S NOT, ANDRE! I'VE BEEN GIVING THIS MESS A LOT OF THOUGHT...



BLACKHAWK HAS FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT AND HE'S EARNED A SOFT BERTH! A MILLION A MONTH AND SAIL... WHO WOULDN'T FALL FOR IT....!

YEAH, SURE! THIS BAN OPPORTUNITY OF LIFETIME FOR PLAYING BIG-SHOT! ONLY I YUST CAN'T TAKE IT....!



BLACKHAWK BAN TURN DOWN FINE OFFERS BEFORE! I SAY HE YUST WENT OFF HIS ROCKER! PUTTING THE POOR, SICK RAJAH IN PRISON....!

I AGREE! BLACKHAWK IN HIS RIGHT MIND WOULD NEVER TOSS OVER HIS LIFE'S WORK FOR THIS!



ALL RIGHT! THEN I SAY, LET'S KIDNAP BLACKHAWK, DRAG HIM AWAY AND TURN HIM OVER TO DOCTORS AND PSYCHIATRISTS SOMEWHERE!

JAWOHL! DOT I VLL SECOND MITOUT RESERVATION! BLACK-HAWK ISS SICK IN DER MIND! A KINDNESS IT WOULD BE TO SAFE HIM, NEIN?



THEN IT'S AGREED! AS SOON AS IT'S DARK WE CRASH OUT OF HERE, PUT THE ARM ON BLACKHAWK AND TAKE A POWDER! CHECK?

CHOP CHOP THINK EVERYBODY GOT LONG IDEA ABOUT BLACKHAWK! BUT GET OUT IS FINE IDEA, I AGREE! IS OKAY!



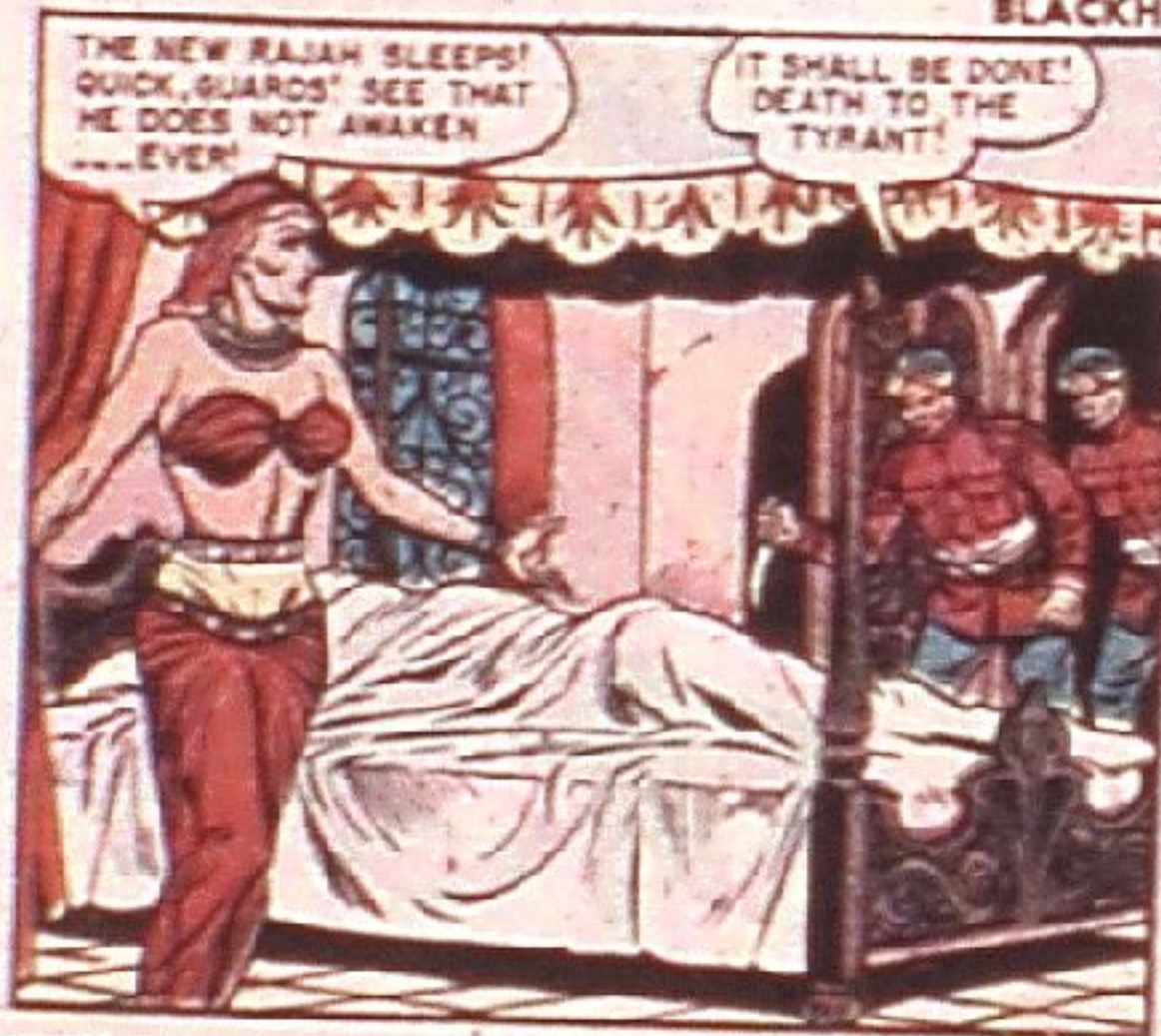
GO AHEAD AND PROWL, BABY! IN ABOUT ONE HOUR, YOU'RE GOING TO BE TALKING WITHOUT TEETH, AND I DON'T MEAN MAYBE!



WHILE, AT THAT MOMENT...

THEN IT IS SETTLED! AT DARK, YOU ATTACK THE PALACE FROM WITHOUT! THE PICKED ASSASSINS WILL DESTROY BLACKHAWK DURING THE EXCITEMENT!







BLACKHAWK



ON THE FORTIFIED ISLAND OF PIROU ARE BATHERED SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS OF CAPTURED CRIMINALS...

YOU'RE THE MOST DISTINGUISHED THREAT TO CIVILIZATION ON THE ISLAND, HANFREY! IT'S REALLY A SORT OF HONOR TO BE HELD CAPTIVE WITH YOU!

IF YOU THINK SO, ENJOY THE HONOR WHILE YOU MAY! I DON'T PROPOSE TO REMAIN WITH YOU LONG!



THE BLACKHAWKS CLOSE IN ON A WORLD-MENACING OUTLAW... AND CLOSE QUARTERS MAY MEAN THEIR DESTRUCTION!

BUT HANFREY... THE WORLD GOVERNMENTS BLAME YOU FOR CRIMES THAT NEARLY BROUGHT ON A NEW WAR! THEY SAY IF YOU SHOULD ESCAPE AGAIN...

THE WORLD GOVERNMENTS DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF WHAT I MIGHT DO! THEY'LL FIND OUT, THOUGH... SOON ENOUGH!



THEN, ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND...

BLACKHAWK

COME! HEAR! BAD PRISONER HANFREY IS TRY GETAWAY!

TURN ON THE LOUDSPEAKER, CHOP-CHOP!

HANFREY AND SEVERAL FELLOW-PRISONERS HAVE FOUGHT THEIR WAY INTO THE CENTRAL TOWER, OVERPOWERING GUARDS. ARMED MEN ARE SURROUNDING THE TOWER TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF THE MASTER CRIMINAL!

PLANES, EVERYBODY! WE'RE OFF FOR PIROU!

ON PIROU, HANFREY HAS GAINED THE TOP OF THE HIGHEST TOWER...

THEY GOT ALL THE ESCAPE PARTY BUT MYSELF! AND YOU SHAN'T STAND IN MY WAY!

MY FRIENDS WITH THE HELICOPTER! ON TIME TO THE DOT!

CLIMB, HANFREY! WE'RE READY TO GO!

LARRO... PALMO... AND RIGHT!

WHEN THE BLACKHAWKS ARRIVE...

IT WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE, BLACKHAWK! A HELICOPTER SWOOPED DOWN AND CARRIED HANFREY AWAY BEFORE WE COULD CLOSE IN!

CARRIED HIM AWAY? WHERE?

THIS GUARD WAS HALF STUNNED, BUT HEARD HANFREY SPEAK AS HE CLIMBED ABOARD!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANT! HE SAID, LARRO... PALMO... AND RIGHT!

THE BLACKHAWKS CONSULT MAPS....

HERE WE ARE, BLACKHAWK! THE ISLANDS OF LARRO AND PALMO, MANY MILES AWAY ACROSS THE OCEAN!

GET THOSE PLANES GOING AND OFF FOR LARRO AND PALMO!



SWIFT AND SURE, THE BLACKHAWKS FOLLOW THE TRAIL....

LARRO EES BELOW US!

RIGHT, ANDRE! AND PALMO IS DIRECTLY AHEAD ON THE SAME LINE!



ON THE ISLAND OF PALMO, ANOTHER PAUSE....

BEYOND PALMO IS ONLY DER SEA... FOR MANY THOUSAND MILES!

REMEMBER WHAT THE GUARD HEARD HANFREY SAY! LARRO... PALMO... AND RIGHT!



I PROPOSE THAT WE MAKE A FULL RIGHT TURN FROM THE LINE OF OUR FLIGHT OVER LARRO AND PALMO! THAT WILL TAKE US TO...

LOOK OUT, BLACKHAWK! DAR BAN A GUN GUY!



I MISSED THE CURSED MEDDLER!

LEAVE HIM TO ME!



BOF!

GOODBYE, CLUMSY! YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME!



NO! WAIT... TALK TO US!

I ALWAYS SAID THAT CHOP CHOP WAS THE FASTEST THINKER OF ALL THE BLACKHAWKS!



BLACKHAWK



ALL RIGHT, YOU GOT ME! BUT WHAT DOES THAT GET YOU? YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE HANFREY IS, AND I WON'T TELL YOU!

YOU'LL TELL, OR WE'LL SCRAMBLE YOUR FACE FOR YOU!



HE SHOWED US WE WERE ON THE RIGHT TRACK! IF WE'D GUESSED WRONG, HE WOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO SHOOT ME!

BY YUPITER, AY DON'T GET IT!



BUT ZE RIGHT TURN TAKES US TO ZE MAINLAND! HALF A CONTINENT OF JUNGLE!

THE OTHER HALF IS CIVILIZATION! PUT THE PRISONER IN MY PLANE AND LET'S GO!

AND THE BLACKHAWKS SPAN THE MAINLAND JUNGLE...



THOSE MOUNTAINS BEYOND! NO HELICOPTER COULD JUMP THEM, UNLESS IT USED THAT PASS!

PRETTY NARROW ROUTE, EVEN FOR A 'COPTER IN GOOD HANDS! LET'S CROSS AND LAND IN THE CITY BEYOND!



A BIG TOWN! EVEN IF WE KNEW HANFREY WAS HERE, HE MIGHT BE HARD TO LOCATE!

AND WHAT IF HE ISN'T HERE? HOW DO WE PICK UP THE TRAIL AGAIN?



THEN...

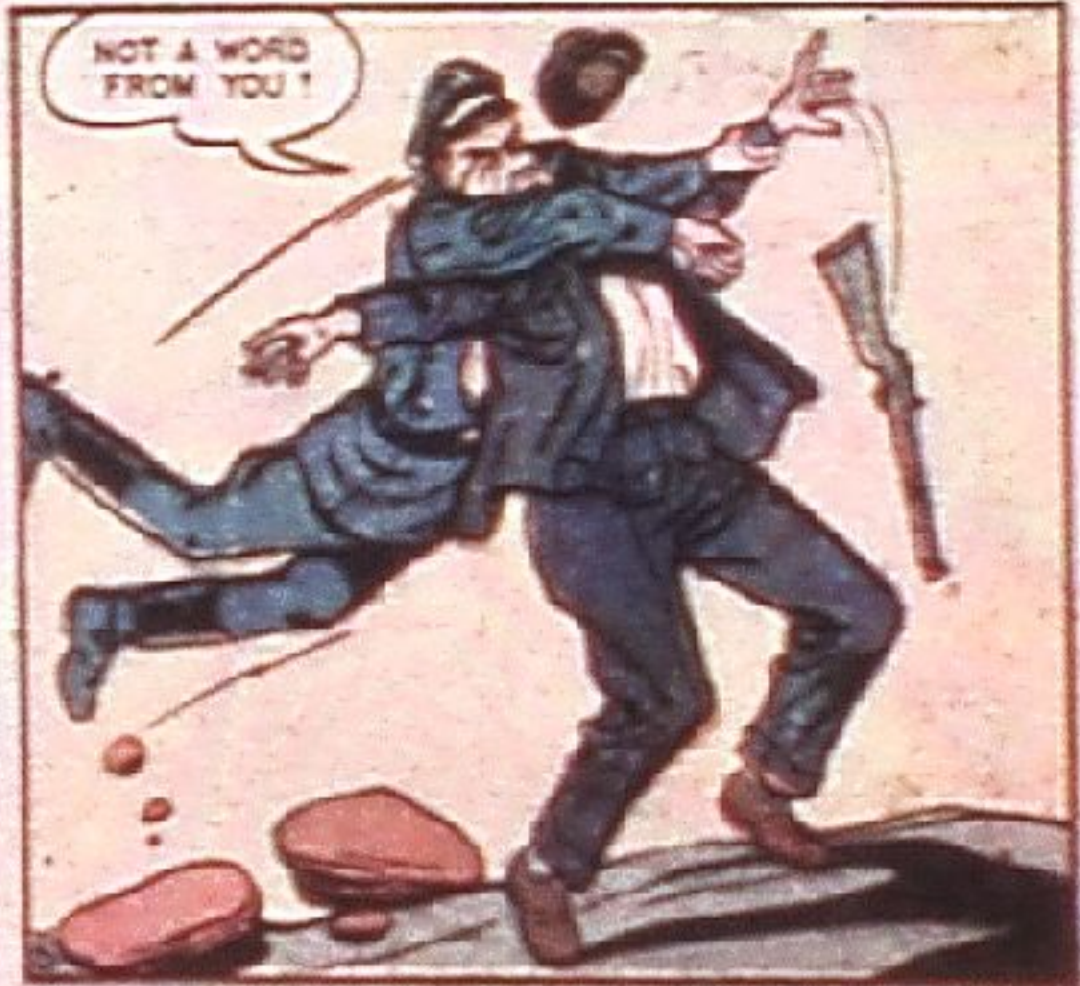
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU LITTLE YELLOW FOOL!

DON'T SHOOT, OLAF! YOU MIGHT HIT CHOP CHOP!



BLACKHAWK! HOW DID ZE ROGUE ESCAPE?

I LET HIM GO, ANDRE! FOLLOW HIM... HE'LL LEAD US TO HIS CHIEF!



BLACKHAWK



YOU'RE OFF DUTY,
NOW! GO TO SLEEP!



IT ISN'T A CAVE,
IT'S A TUNNEL!!
SEE LIGHT BEYOND!



IT'S
HANFREY!

ANY MOMENT NOW
MY TRIUMPH WILL
BE COMPLETE!



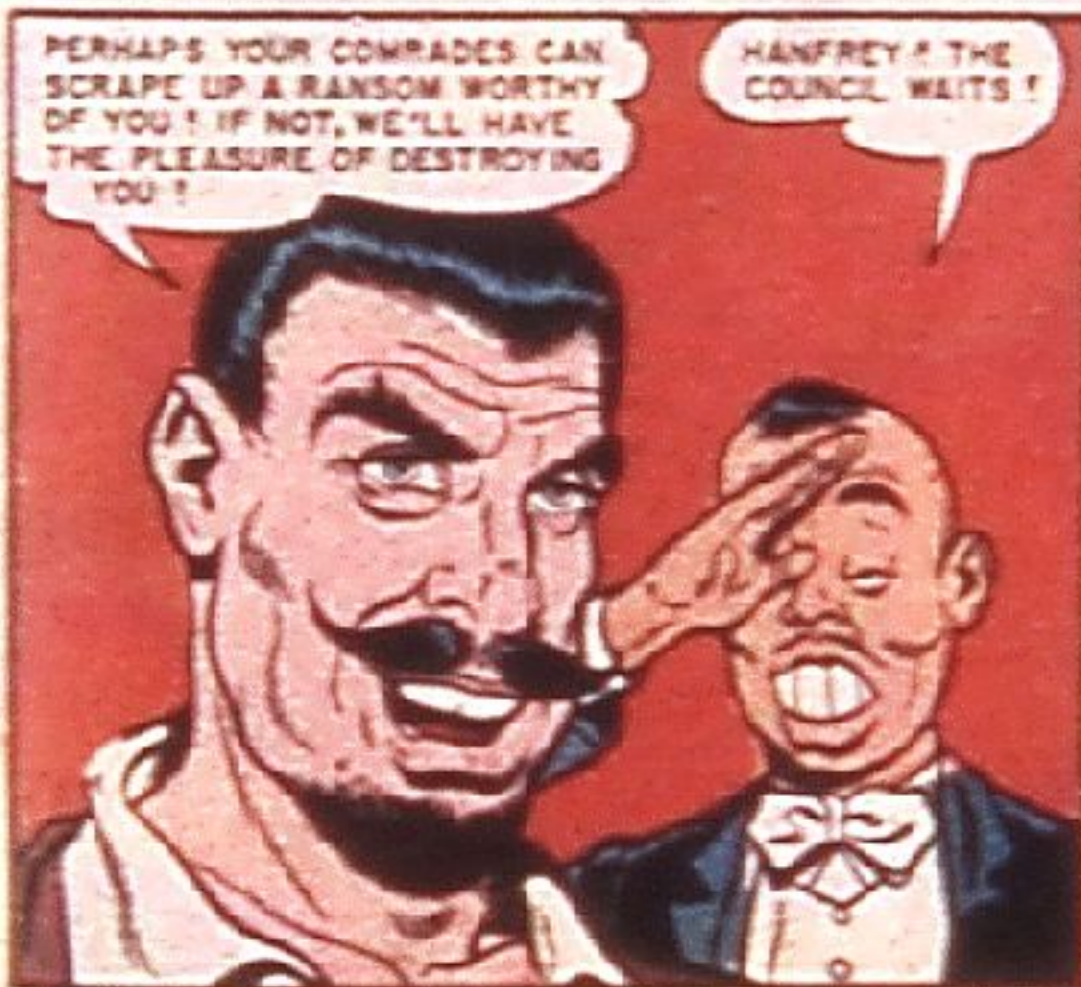
HANFREY, YOU'RE
MY PRISONER!

YOU'RE TWISTING THAT,
BLACKHAWK! YOU'RE
MINE!



WHEN THIS IDIOT ESCAPED
AND RAN TO MY HEADQUARTERS,
I KNEW YOU'D HAVE THE
SENSE TO TRAIL HIM! I
WAS READY FOR YOU!

VERY HOSPITABLE
OF YOU, HANFREY!
WHAT DO YOU
PROPOSE TO DO
NOW?



PERHAPS YOUR COMRADES CAN
SCRAPE UP A RANSOM WORTHY
OF YOU! IF NOT, WE'LL HAVE
THE PLEASURE OF DESTROYING
YOU!

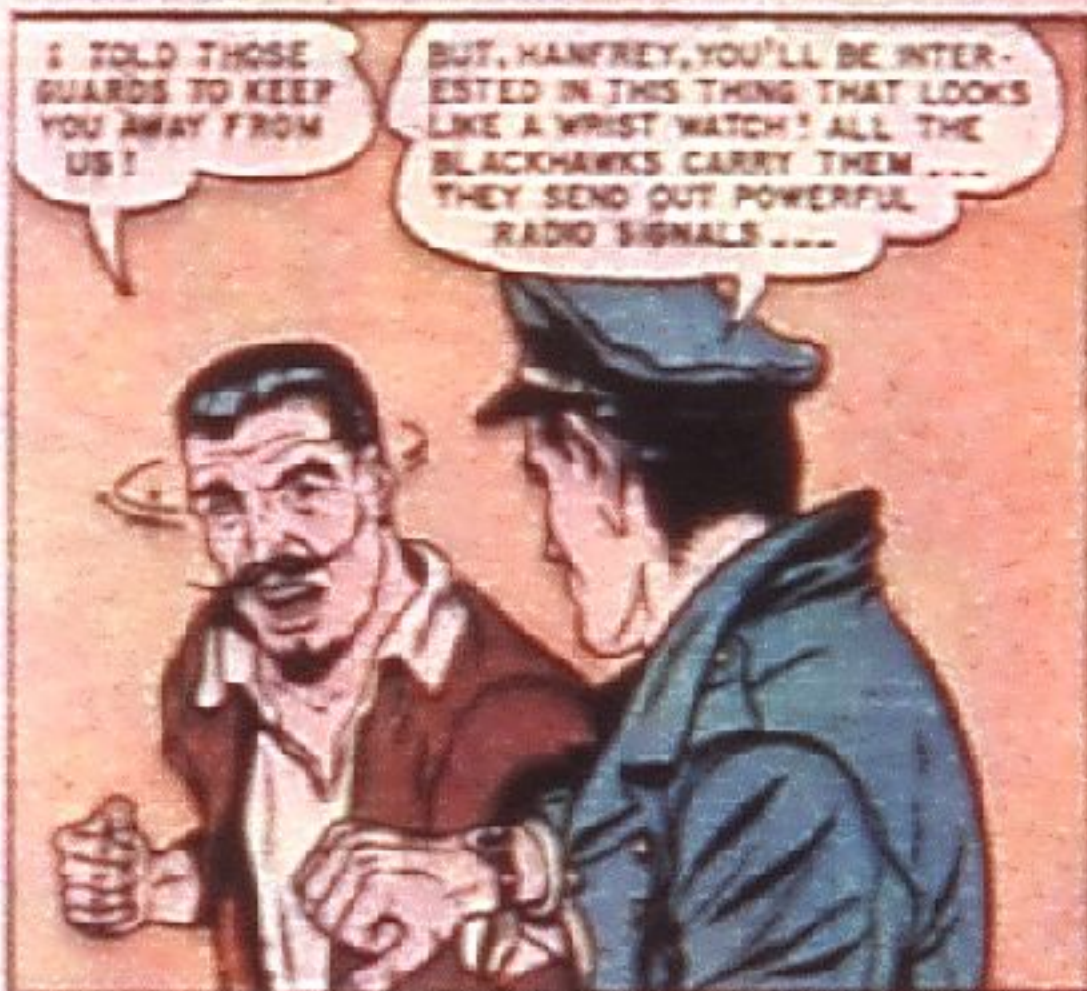
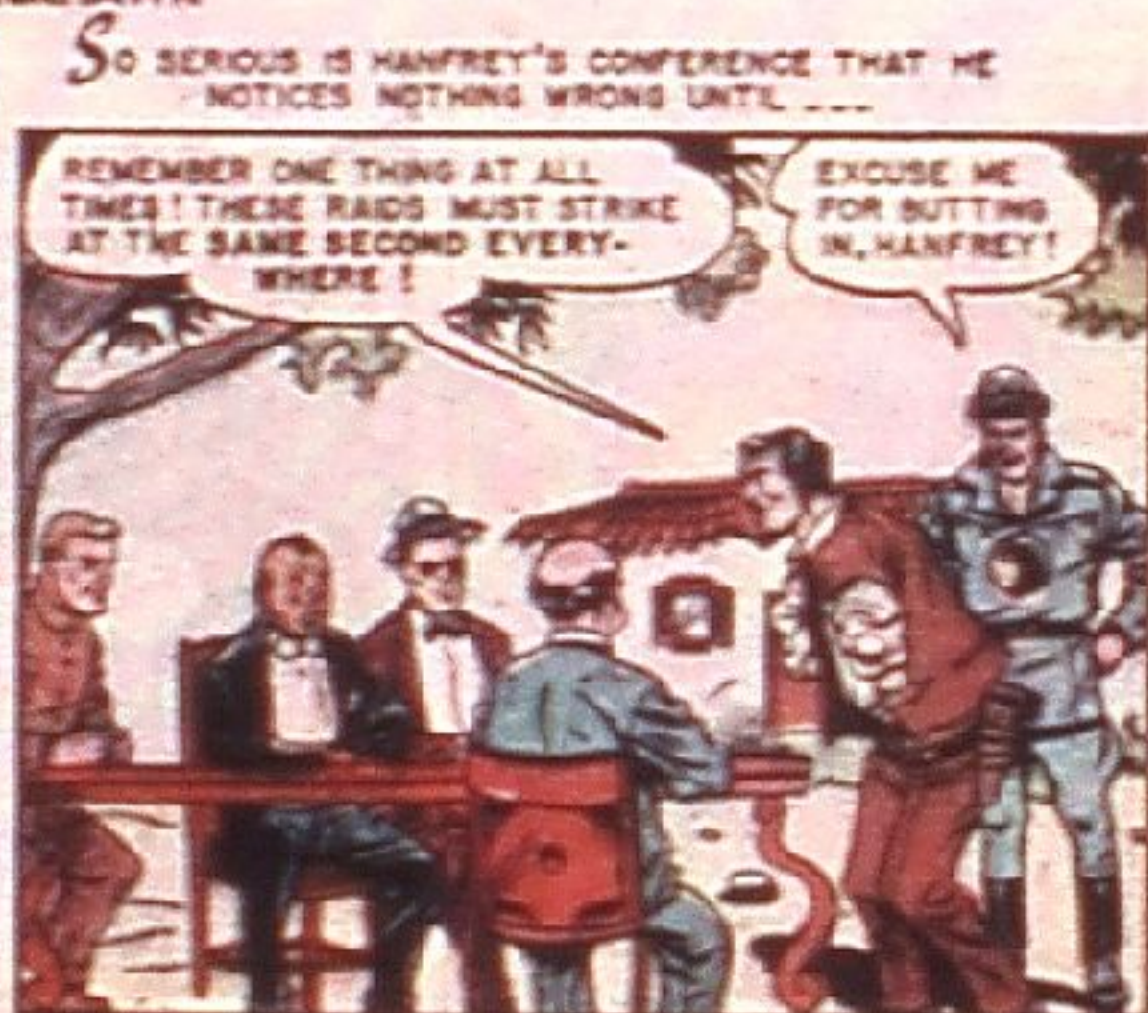
HANFREY! THE
COUNCIL WAITS!

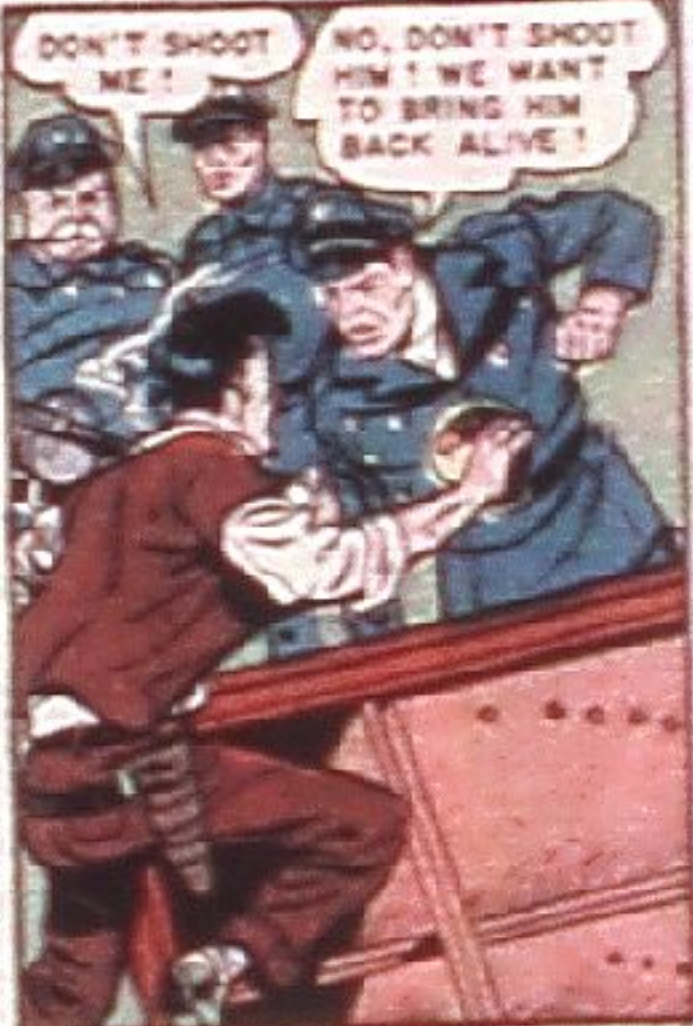


PERMIT ME, BLACKHAWK! THIS
IS MY ASIATIC REPRESENTATIVE!
YONDER IS MY SOUTH AMERICAN
ASSOCIATE!

YOU HAVE
PARTNERS FOR
ALL THE CONTI-
NENTS, DO YOU?







Chop Chop

I SEE
BY YOUR
HAND THAT
DANGER WILL
BEFALL YOU
TODAY!

ME SEE
BY CEILING
THAT WHAT YOU
SAY IS VELLY
TRUE!



DO YOU WISH TO KNOW
WHAT YOUR FUTURE HOLDS
FOR YOU?

HMM! IS VELLY
PLETTY GYPSY!

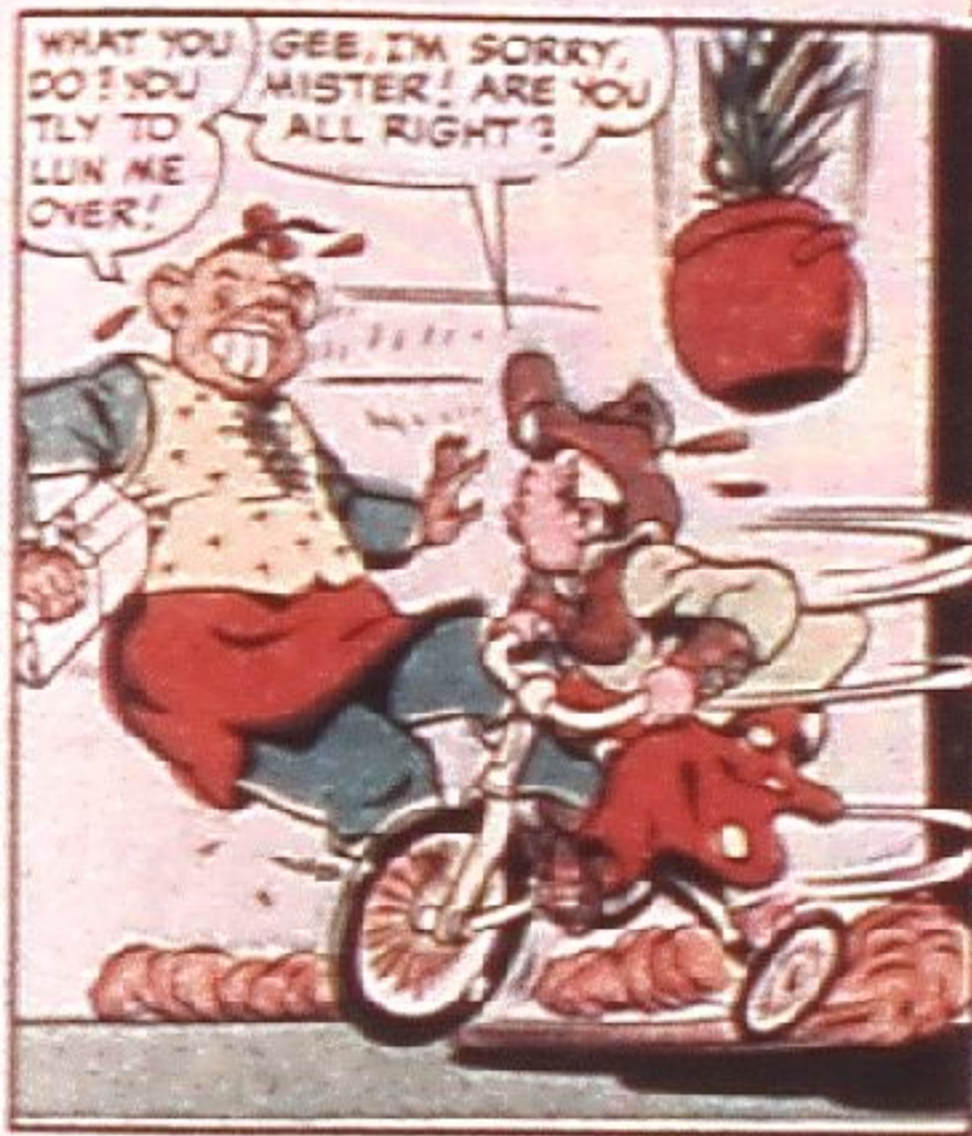
YES, YES!
ME VELLY
INTELESTED!











Atomic Blast

THE pilot of the weird red plane was fighting like a demon to avoid death. Twisting, turning, flipping like a leaf in the wind, he flew with the frenzy of desperation.

Time and again The Avenger, masked champion of world justice, had the red plane in his sights and lost it at the moment of touching the firing buttons on his deadly instrument panel. Time and again he saw his companion, Fury, jockey the enemy pilot into position for the kill, and saw the pilot wriggle out of the trap.

"If I hadn't just seen that red devil wipe out a hundred innocent men, women and children just to test his new bomb," muttered The Avenger, "I could almost admire his skill."

The thought of what he had witnessed made The Avenger's lips draw thin and tight below his black mask, put the blue of ice in the eyes behind their tinted goggles. There was no doubt what nation had spawned the red killer. Only one nation was so careless of human lives, so intent on war.

Only a short time before, answering a radio call, The Avenger and Fury had streaked across the country to investigate a sinister report of this red plane's mysterious actions. They had arrived in time to see the pilot release a strange bomb and to see a whole community vanish in one intolerable burst of radiance.

"Get him," The Avenger had barked instantly to Fury. "That must be the secret bomb we've been getting reports on. He must not get away to report its effect to his superiors."

Then had begun the endless, savage, merciless hide-and-seek above the clouds, with jets thundering and the winds of space screaming from tortured wings. Time and again the red pilot almost broke away, only to be cornered again. Then, quite suddenly, the battle was over. The red pilot, whipping away from Fury's slashing attack, slid into The Avenger's sights for a fleeting moment.

It was enough. Rocket guns snarled their hate across the sky and the red ship seemed to poise in midair and then puff apart like a soap bubble. The pilot's body was thrown clear. They saw it tumbling down and then they saw a parachute blossom. Instantly The Avenger threw his plane into a dive.

"Get down, Fury," he barked. "If he's still alive, we must take him to the World Court for questioning."

A few moments later, kneeling above the body of the pilot, The Avenger saw that the killer would never face any but a Higher Court. He was too badly wounded by the rocket blasts to live more than a few minutes at most.

As they knelt, the red pilot opened his eyes. His lips twisted in a sneer of hate. "Fools," he whispered. "Killing me won't save you. Tonight—at sunset—the doom of your—so-called democracies—is sealed."

The Avenger looked coldly across at Fury. He said carefully, "Why do these men lie to their last breath? We know all their stupid plans and secret weapons. They can't win."

He was deliberately trying to goad the pilot into telling more, and he succeeded. The dying man snarled his hatred. "You know nothing. At sundown your puny instruments will record an atomic blast. But it won't be an atom bomb. It will be atomic power, blasting the first space ship at the moon. From up there, out of range of your stupid guns, we will bombard your nations to ruin and surrender. You . . . You . . ." He tried to say more but the black angel of Death swept down and sealed the sneering lips.

On his feet, Fury said tightly, "Was he bluffing, Avenger? Or do you suppose that's the answer to that secret factory we've been watching?"

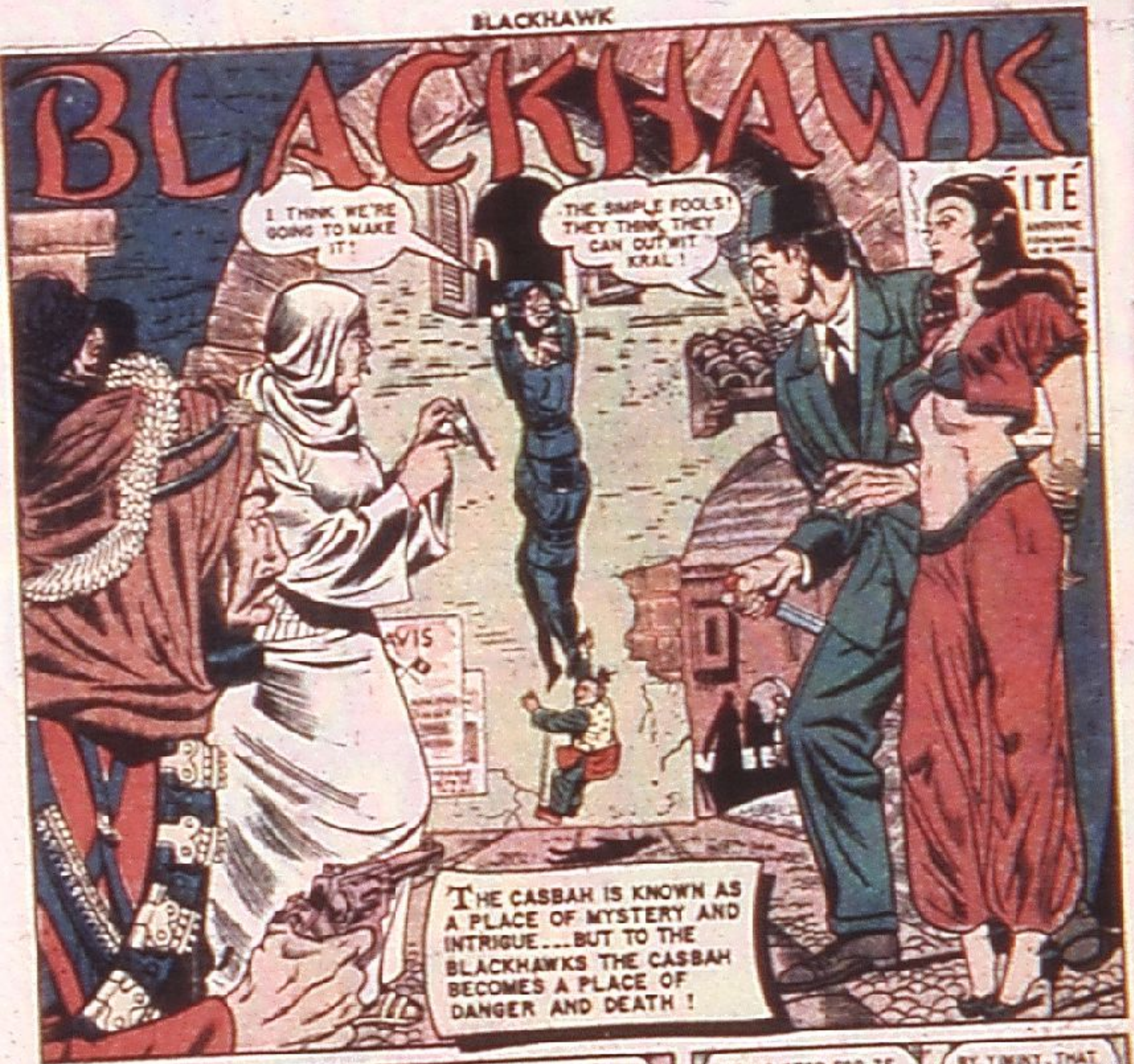
"I'm afraid it is," The Avenger said. "We registered atomic activity in that area. If they do get a rocket to the moon, they can establish a station there and do exactly what he says—and we aren't yet prepared to go after them or stop them."

"Then," Fury said, "we've got to stop that rocket from ever getting there. And we've got less than four hours in which to do it."

"Come on," The Avenger said, running for his plane. "I think we've got one slim chance and I'm going to take it. Follow me."

An hour and a half later, in The Avenger's secret headquarters, Fury watched wide-eyed as the defender of freedom mounted a strange, heavy tank beneath the fuselage of his plane. "Avenger, that—that is radioactive dust you're taking. That is the most deadly poison dust in existence. You're going to wipe them out without knowing for sure?"

"No," The Avenger said quietly. "If they're working with atoms and atomic power at that plant, they'll be shielded from any such effects as this dust would have. If they're innocent, and





DONNERWETTER! THIS LIQUID REFRESHMENT HAS DER SPOT!

YOU ARE THE BLACKHAWKS! I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU!



HERE IS THE SCROLL! GUARD IT WELL! THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD STEAL IT!

THIS IS WHAT I HAVE WAITED FOR! IN A MOMENT THE SCROLL WILL BE OURS!



WE MUST LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON NOW! THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE!



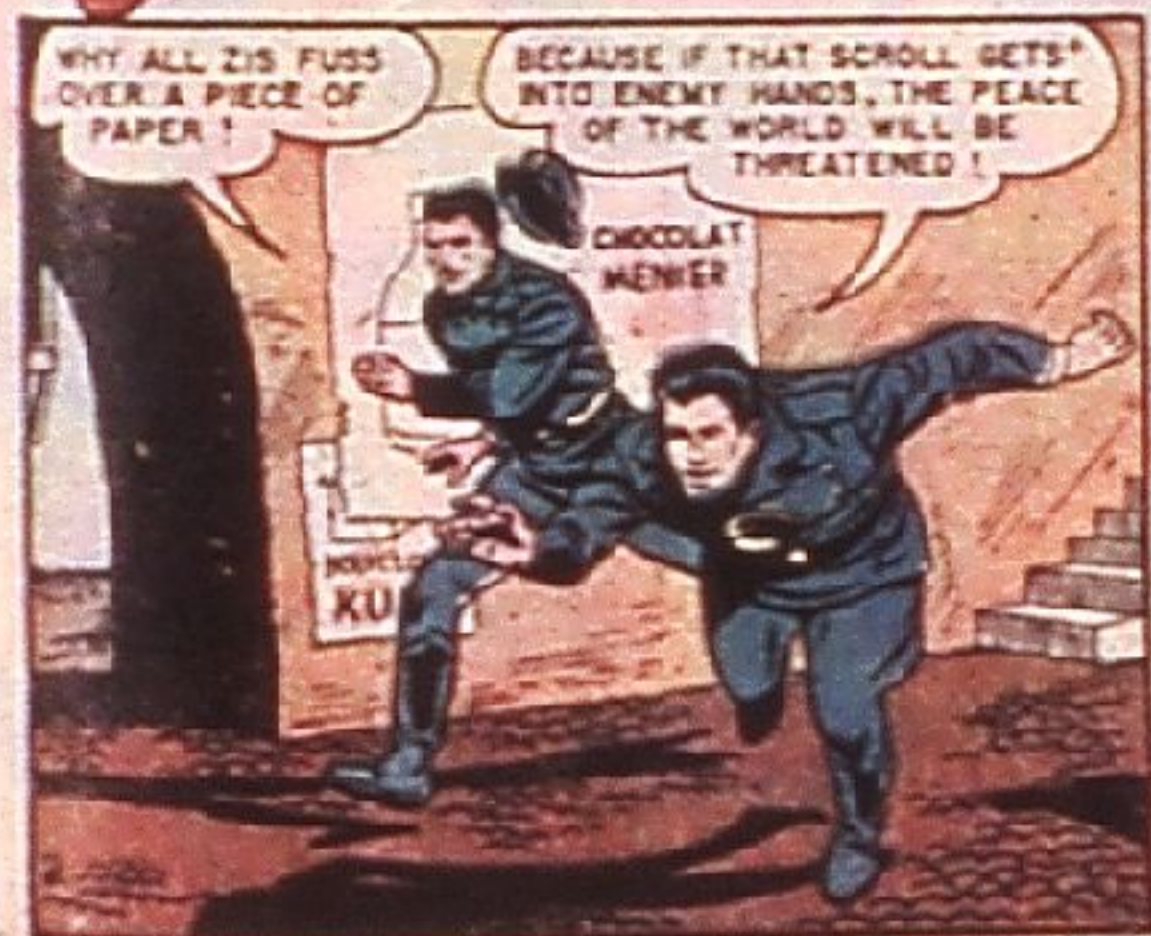
GOOD! NOW WE LEAVE THIS UNHAPPY CLIMATE!

WHA...!



HE'S RUNNING LIKE LIGHTNING, BUT MAYBE WE CAN CATCH HIM!

WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM! WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT SCROLL BACK!



WHY ALL THIS FUSS OVER A PIECE OF PAPER!

BECAUSE IF THAT SCROLL GETS INTO ENEMY HANDS, THE PEACE OF THE WORLD WILL BE THREATENED!

CHOCOLAT MENIER



HE'S GONE, BLACKHAWK! I'VE LOST SIGHT OF HIM!

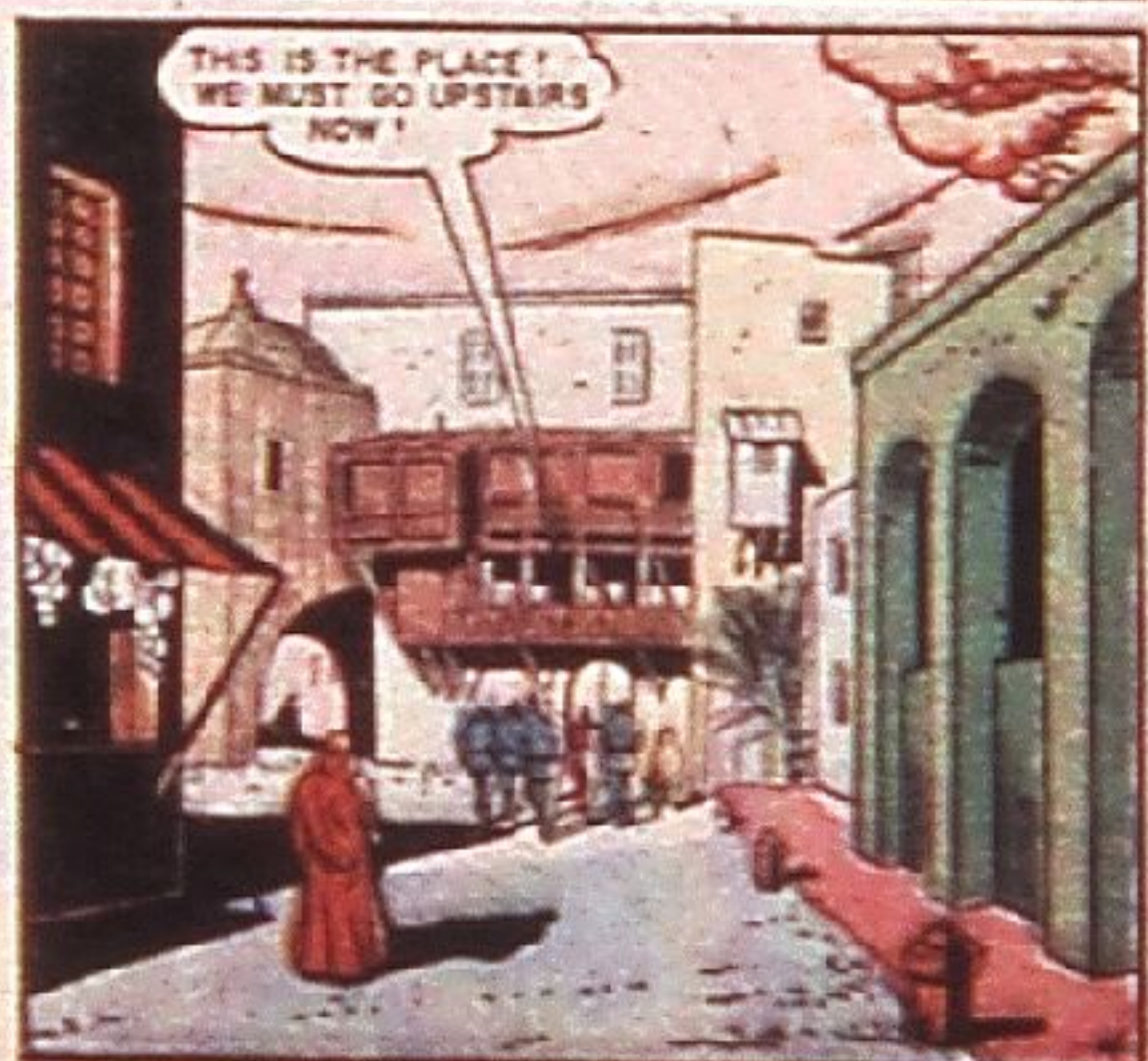
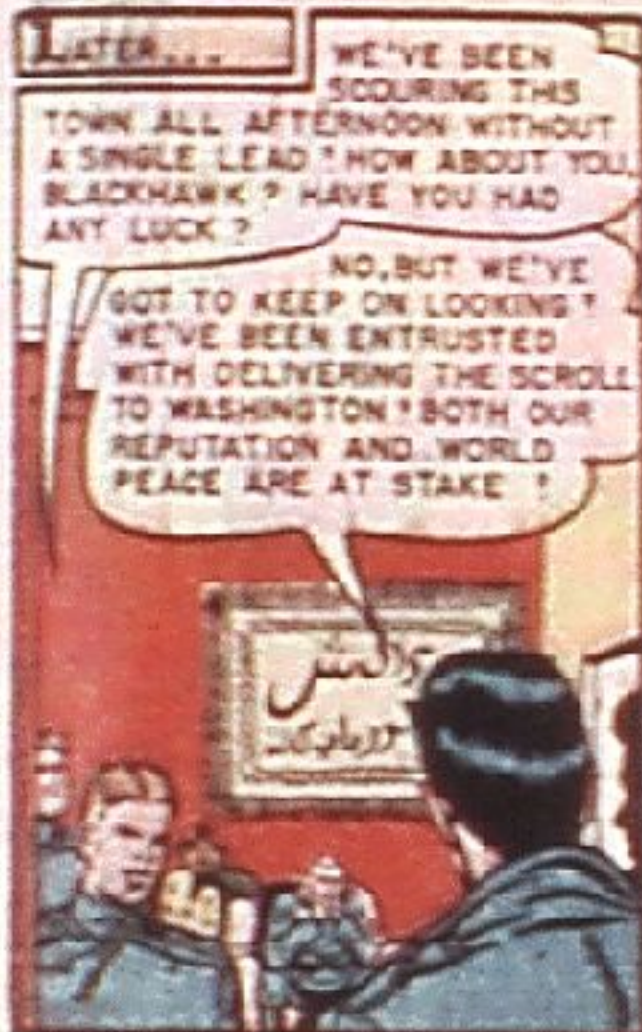
FINDING A MAN IN THE CASBAH IS AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TASK! BUT WE'VE GOT TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE!

MEANWHILE IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY...



BLACKHAWK







BLACKHAWK



WOILA !
I THINK
WE'RE
GOING
TO MAKE
IT !

BE READY FOR ANY-
THING WHEN YOU HIT
THE GROUND ! I DON'T
THINK THEY'RE GOING
TO LET US ESCAPE
THIS EASILY !



THE BLACKHAWKS SHOW MORE
INGENUITY THAN I GAVE THEM
CREDIT FOR ! BUT THIS TIME,
UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVEN
THEIR CLEVERNESS WILL
SAVE THEM !

THEY ARE A
PERFECT TARGET
NOW, MASTER !
SHALL I SHOOT
THEM !



I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
YES ! THE BLACKHAWKS
CONTINUALLY MEDDLE
WITH OUR WORK ! BUT
WE MUST WAIT ! WE
NEED TO CAPTURE
BLACKHAWK ALIVE !



LOOK, KRAL !
THEY ARE
ALMOST TO
THE GROUND !

NOW IS THE TIME
FOR THE AMBUSH !
GET YOUR WEAPONS
READY, MEN !



OH, WOE ! WE GO
FROM FLYING
PAN INTO
FIRE !

NO, CHOP CHOP !
I THINK WE CAN MAKE
IT HOT FOR THEM !



LIKE
THIS !

TRY TO CAPTURE HIM
... BUT DON'T SHOOT !



TRY THIS
FIST ON
FOR SIZE !

I DON'T LIKE YOUR
FACE ... I THINK I'LL
CHANGE IT !



YOU MAKEE CHOP CHOP
CLY WITH TEAR GAS
CHOP CHOP NOW MAKEE
YOU TAKE LONG
SLEEP!

THOSE INTERFERING BLACKHAWKS
SEEM TO BE WINNING! I MUST
HURRY AWAY NOW IF I AM TO
SAVE THE SCROLL!



GOOD WORK, MEN! NOW
LET'S SEARCH THEM
AND SEE IF WE CAN
FIND THE SCROLL!

NO CAN DO, BLACKHAWK!
WE SEE VELLY FAT LADY
RUN AWAY QUICK WITH
IMPORTANT PAPER! WE
VELLY BUSY, COULD NOT
FOLLOW HER!



MAYBE WHEN THESE LUGS
COME TO, WE CAN
PERSUADE THEM
TO LEAD US TO
THE SCROLL!

HELP!
COUGH!
HELP!



IT IS ZE LOVELY MAM'ELLE
WHO LEADS US HERE!
SHE IS IN DISTRESS!
VRAIMENT, I MUST
RESCUE HER!



I THINK THE TEAR GAS HAS LET
UP A LITTLE BY NOW, ANDRE!
YOU CAN PROBABLY MANAGE BY
YOURSELF! THE REST OF US
WILL TIE THESE HOODLUMS UP
AND DELIVER THEM TO THE
AUTHORITIES!



TAKE ME OUT OF
HERE! TAKE ME
OUT!

IN A MOMENT WE SHALL BE IN
THE STREET, MAM'ELLE! THEN
THERE WILL BE NO MORE TEARS
IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL EYES!



I HAVE BEEN TALKING
TO ZIS LOVELY GIRL,
BLACKHAWK! SHE
SAYS SHE KNOWS
NOTHING OF THE
ESPIONAGE RING
WHO STOLE THE
SCROLL!

I BELIEVE IN WORLD PEACE
AND I WANT TO HELP YOU
GET THAT SCROLL BACK! I
WILL TAKE YOU TO MASSA!
SHE SEEMS TO BE MIXED UP
IN THIS!

YOU MEAN THAT WHEN YOU LED US HERE, YOU KNEW NOTHING OF THE TEAR-GAS TRAP?

IF I HAD KNOWN, BLACKHAWK, I WOULDN'T HAVE GONE INTO THAT ROOM! PLEASE BELIEVE ME, I AM YOUR FRIEND! I ONLY DELIVERED THE NOTE AS HASSA ASKED ME!

MEN, STAY HERE AND GUARD THESE PRISONERS WELL! ANDRE, AND I ARE GOING WITH THIS YOUNG LADY!

WHEREVER THERE ARE GIRLS, THERE IS ALWAYS ANDRE!



LATER...

I TRULY DID NOT KNOW THAT HASSA WAS A SPY! BUT I THINK WE WILL FIND HER IN HERE! WALK QUIETLY AND WE WILL SURPRISE HER!



I WILL HIDE THE SCROLL HERE FOR SAFEKEEPING! LATER, I WILL SELL IT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!



I BEG TO DIFFER!



WHAT...? CARLA, YOU BETRAYED ME!

NO, HASSA! YOU ARE THE TRAITOR! YOU TRIED TO BETRAY YOUR OWN COUNTRY!



LATER, AT THE AIRPORT...

GOOD BYE, CARLA, AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

AU REVOIR, MA CHERIE! I AM SO GLAD THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SPARED FOR HELPING US AND THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO PRISON! IT FILLS ME WITH SADNESS TO LEAVE YOU, BUT THEY WAIT FOR US IN WASHINGTON!



IN ALL THE PLACES NEAR AND FAR THE FOE WILL LEARN HOW STRONG WE ARE! WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!

Blackhawk On The Air!

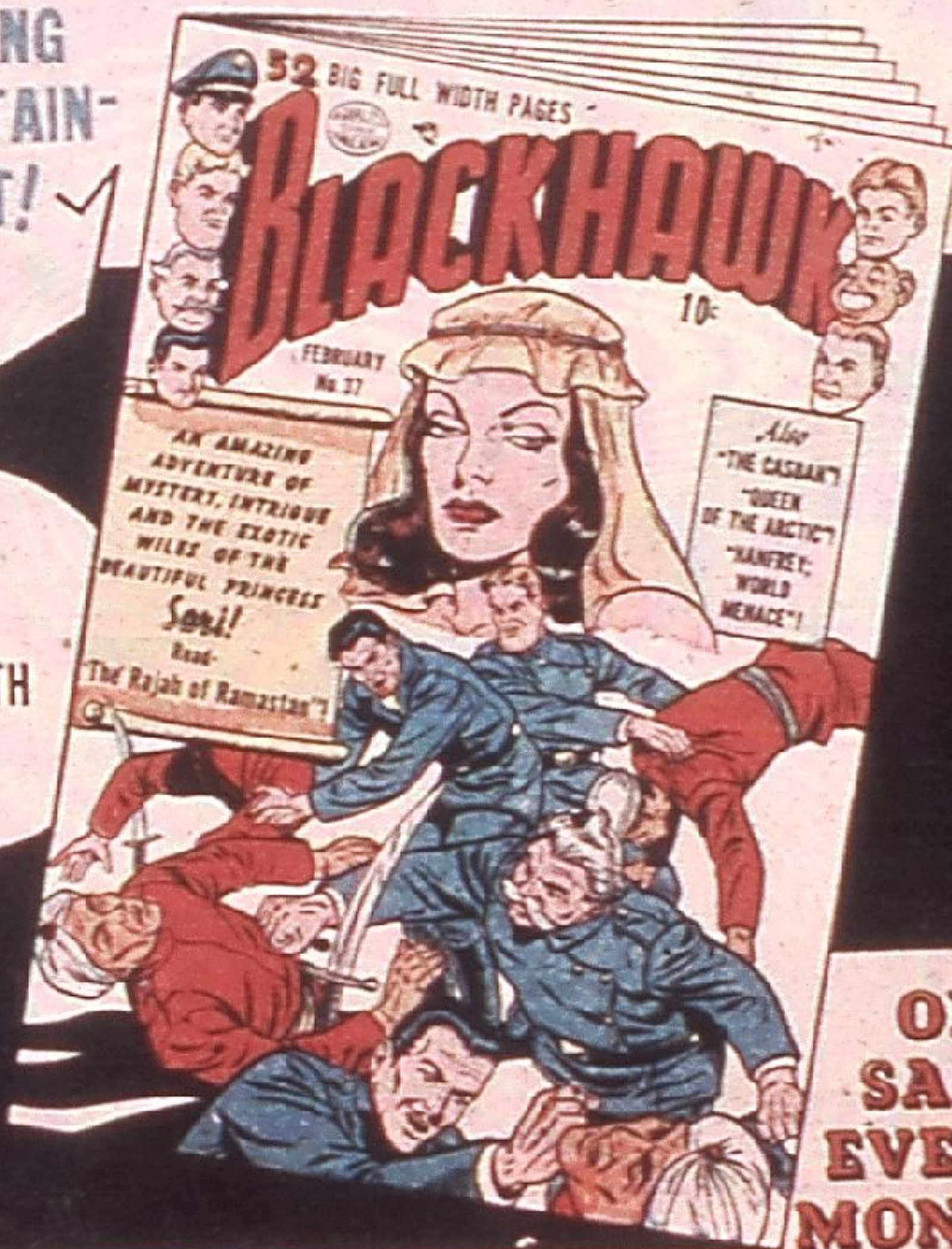
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